

## Tighter control soon on possession of weapons and home storage

## Shake-up in gun licence rules ordered

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Government yesterday announced an urgent shake-up in firearms laws and practices in the wake of the Hungerford shootings, in which the death toll last night rose to 17, including the gunman.

Home Office officials and ministers are to take an urgent look at the licensing of semi-automatic weapons.

The study will also assess the number of weapons which should be allowed to be held on a single licence, the home storage regulations on such weapons, the checks made before licences are issued, and the controls on the amount of ammunition which individuals may hold and where it is kept.

Mr Douglas Hogg, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, said: "Ministers are considering urgently how these matters can be tackled both by tightening the way in which the present law is operated and by changes in the law. We will report to Parliament as soon as possible."

Mr Hogg made his comments after receiving the interim report from Mr Colin Smith, the Chief Constable of Thames Valley, into the shootings by Michael Ryan in Hungerford, Berkshire, on

Wednesday. The besieged killer shot himself.

Mr Hogg said: "The report testifies to the courage shown by members of the police force and other emergency services in dealing with this horrific incident. I would like to express my admiration for them."

He promised "urgent attention to those areas where changes may be needed."

Any administrative changes decided upon by the Home Office deliberations, after further talks with the police, will be pushed through rapidly, without waiting for the return of Parliament on October 21.

But the Home Office could not say last night whether any changes in the law would be introduced as amendments to

weapons on his certificate, to apply to become a dealer and the grounds on which a chief constable could refuse were more limited than those for a certificate.

Mr Smith said: "The existing legislation is totally inadequate and it is a pity that it has taken Hungerford to get the Home Office to do something."

"There are too many in guns in circulation and a lot of people who have guns clearly should not be in possession of them. I think the association would like to see the whole legislation overhauled."

But Mr Colin Greenwood, editor of the *Gun Review* and a former senior police gun expert, rejected the suggestion of a loophole. He said people who tried to apply as dealers were only going back to the chief constable who had earlier refused them and could do so again.

Colonel John Walton, chairman of the Thames Valley Police Authority, announced that an official investigation was to be launched into the Hungerford massacre.

He said that the terms of the inquiry, to be conducted by the chief constable of the force, would include the time it was taken to issue officers with weapons after it was known that Ryan was loose with guns in the centre of Hungerford.

Mr David Owen, chief constable of North Wales and general secretary of the ACPD crime committee, said: "The legislation has been going for 20 years. Things have to be looked at in the light of Hungerford as to what lessons can be learnt."

The 1968 Firearms Act had seemed to work well but the review was needed in the aftermath of the shooting.

Police are already concerned about the availability of shotguns and will renew their calls for the restrictions to be raised to the same level as other firearms.

## First victim had 15 bullets in her back

By Howard Foster and Michael McCarthy

Mrs Susan Godfrey, the first victim in the Hungerford massacre, was shot 15 times in the back, it was learnt yesterday. But police are still no nearer discovering what sparked off the killings.

The reason may never be known, as the police have decided not to question the only witnesses, Mrs Godfrey's two children.

"Enough is enough," Inspector Bob Sawyer said yesterday. "We don't want to put them through further distress. We don't feel there is anything to be gained by trying to get information from them even in the most sensitive manner."

Mrs Godfrey was picnicking with her two children in Savernake Forest near Marlborough, nine miles from Hungerford, when Michael Ryan struck. Her children, Hannah, aged four, and James, aged two, had just been strapped into the family car.

Although they must have witnessed Ryan's arrival, and may have seen him with a gun and heard shots fired, it is thought unlikely that they saw the killing.

Mrs Godfrey appears to have been marched into the forest at gunpoint to be shot in the back at least 15 times by a Kalashnikov rifle about 100

yards from her black Nissan car.

It is the random nature of the first killing, at about 12.30pm on Wednesday, that continues to baffles police and probably always will.

There is no evidence that Ryan had trailed the family. He was already in the forest, armed, having possibly been there since mid-morning.

All that police do know about the meeting was gleaned from what the children said to Mrs Myra Rose, the pensioner who found them wandering, and to the policemen who subsequently looked after them: a man in black had shot their mummy and had taken the car keys.

Mrs Godfrey was not sexually assaulted, the murder appears motiveless. There is still no direct evidence linking Ryan to her death. Bullets and cartridge cases are being examined by Home Office ballistics experts and detectives believe they will prove to be from one of Ryan's guns. The Kalashnikov rifle can fire 15 or 20 rounds depending on the magazine fitted.

Yesterday police were checking three reports of gunfire in the forest at mid-morning on Wednesday. One



Face of a mass killer: Michael Ryan while working as a labourer last year (Photograph: Newbury Weekly News).

## The Hart mystery deepens

From Christopher Thomas Washington

Mystery last night surrounded the plans of Mr Gary Hart, the former Colorado senator whose political career was shattered by scandal and who is now reported to be reconsidering his decision to withdraw from the presidential race.

After reports that he had abruptly ended a holiday in Ireland and flown to Luton airport on his way to Heathrow and a flight back to the US, last night he was said to be still in the Irish Republic.

There were conflicting accounts of his political plans, as well as of his travel intentions. Mr William Dixon, his former campaign manager, said it was "possible and indeed probable" that Mr Hart would re-enter the race within 30 to 60 days.

But Mr John Emerson, the former deputy campaign manager, dismissed the possibility.

And in an interview with RTE, the Irish broadcasting organization, Mr Hart insisted that he was not reconsidering his decision to withdraw from the race.

Mr Hart's campaign collapsed because of a scandal over his relationship with Miss Donna Rice, a Miami model who apparently spent a night at his house in Washington.

Miss Rice has just signed a one-year modelling contract in New York, and a few weeks ago finished shooting her first television commercials for jeans with the brand name No Excuses.

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Miss Donna Rice: Modelling jeans on television.

## Rodgers warns Owen not to run an anti-merger 'rump'

By Our Political Editor

Mr William Rodgers, chairman of the SDP's pro-merger "Yes to Unity" group and a vice-president of the party, yesterday rejected Dr David Owen's call for an amicable separation as a "non-starter".

He warned Dr Owen, the former SDP leader, and his supporters not to employ guerrilla tactics or seek to create a party-within-a-party to frustrate the negotiations with the Liberals.

Mr Rodgers said that while Social Democrats would rather part as friends than with bitterness, "the majority of us have voted for taking the SDP into a new party."

"Those who choose to walk away from such a decision can have no claim to the SDP they are about to leave... if they are determined to pack their bags they cannot take the name or the spirit of the party with them as if there had been no ballot."

Mr Rodgers, one of the

original Gang of Four who founded the SDP, was underlining the determination of the pro-merger faction who won the SDP ballot to keep the SDP name and take it with them into any merged party, thus denying it to the group backing Dr Owen and remaining outside a merger.

But Mr Rodgers also risked upsetting the Liberals by suggesting that the name of the new party should be the SDP/Liberal Alliance, known as "the Alliance".

With 17 Liberal MPs to the 5 representing the SDP, the Liberals are unlikely to agree to a name which puts their party second. Mr David Steel, the party leader, has already suggested that the new party should be called the Liberal Democratic Alliance. It is an early indication of the fractious times ahead in negotiating a merger between the two parties.

Mr Rodgers will further

upset the Liberals by attempting to rule out at this stage any possibility of an electoral pact with the Labour Party.

In an open letter to the Social Democrats of Milton Keynes (the seat he fought at the general election), Mr Rodgers said that such talk was "wholly premature".

He said: "There could certainly be no such agreement with today's Labour Party, given its defence and economic policies and its institutional relationship with the trades unions."

With Mr Steel making plain his sympathy for the formation of an anti-Thatcher coalition, Mr Rodgers insisted that the merged party must fight the next election on its own.

His remarks are clearly calculated to reassure Social Democrats suspicious of a merger that they will not be joining a party which will then

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## British captain's body recovered

From A Correspondent, Bahrain

The body of Captain Gerry Blackburn, the British master of the supply boat Anita which sank last Saturday after hitting a mine in the Gulf of Oman, was recovered yesterday.

Another body, that of an Indian seaman, was also found by a team of British experts flown in two days ago.

The wife and son of Captain Blackburn, aged 38, from Hull, were waiting in Dubai to receive his body, officials of the Gulf Agency, operators of the Anita, said.

Wind-blown sand yesterday prevented mine-hunting and stopped the third US-escorted convoy of reflagged Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf. At the same time, in an unexpected announcement on Tehran radio, Iran admitted laying mines in the area.

Shipping sources in Fujairah said that several more mines had been seen in the ship anchorage 30 miles south

of the Strait of Hormuz. But Fujairah coastguard officials denied this, and one official said his helicopters and patrol boats were continuously scanning the waters and that they were "all clear".

● WASHINGTON: Pentagon officials denied an Iranian claim that a US warship escorting Kuwaiti tankers had hit a mine recently (Reuter reports).

The Iranian Parliamentary Speaker, Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani, told a prayer meeting in Tehran earlier yesterday: "One of their (United States) ships hit a mine but they covered it up."

● TEHRAN: Iran said yesterday that it intercepted eight cargo ships and oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz on Thursday but allowed them to continue their voyages.

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## Space plane wins a reprieve

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Britain's revolutionary space plane, *Hotol*, has been reprieved in an arrangement between the Government, British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce, allowing research to continue on the project.

It follows an agreement between the Department of Trade and Industry and the two companies on how to share short-term payments for a number of key space projects threatened with closure.

The threat came last month when the Government refused to increase spending by £90 million as an interim measure.

The refusal led to the resignation of Mr Roy Gibson, Director of the British National Space Centre, who had asked for the interim cash while the Government considered his request for five annual increases to take spending from £112 million to £300 million a year.

The new arrangement covers a payment of £4 million by the Department of Trade and Industry to maintain collaboration with the European Space Agency on two studies, one for the next generation of the Ariane launch vehicle and the other for the European Columbus Space Station.

Payment by the Government keeps those two programmes open until a review in November.

Meanwhile, British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce will pay to sustain research on *Hotol*, their idea for a reusable space plane intended to put up to eight tonnes of satellite and other equipment into orbit at about one fifth the cost of current launch vehicles.

## Spain's air strike is on today

Madrid - Air traffic controllers at El Prat, Barcelona's main airport, said last night that they were going ahead with a strike today in protest against alleged delays in the payment of £1.2 million for overtime work which was carried out since 1979 (A Correspondent writes).

The strike is scheduled to start at 8am local time today and last for 24 hours.

The impact on tourism is expected to be considerable. It is taking place at the height of the tourist season, and up to 1,400 planes a day now fly through the airspace controlled from El Prat airport, including those en route to Majorca, Minorca, Alicante and Valencia.

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## Market rally

Shares and government stocks shrugged off worries about the credit boom and higher interest rates. The FT-SE 100 share index gained 20.5 points to 2,205.8. Page 23

## US takeover

Blue Arrow, the employment agency, has agreed to buy the US company Manpower for \$1.3 billion, creating the world's biggest employment services group. Page 23

## Gatting's day

The Rest of the World made 169 for three in reply to MCC's 455 for five declared, of which Mike Gatting scored 179, in the bi-centenary match at Lord's. Page 38

## Gas trouble

Dealing in British Gas shares cost one investor endless telephone calls and letters of complaint. Other buyers could learn from his experience, says Family Money. Pages 28-32

## Portfolio

● There is £20,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition - £15,000 in the weekly contest as there was no winner last weekend, and the daily £4,000.  
● Yesterday's £8,000 prize, double the usual amount as there was no winner on Thursday, was won by Mrs M. Robson, of Great Malvern. Details, page 3.  
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## Operation Orchid blossoms into a police riot

By Ian Smith

Twenty policemen were yesterday recovering from injuries sustained when over-enthusiasm injected reality into a riot training exercise.

More than 400 men from seven police forces took part in Operation Orchid hosted by Greater Manchester police at the disused Westwood power station in Wigan.

Officers took turns in the roles of missile-throwing rioters, hurling lumps of wood disguised as petrol bombs and aiming simulated gunfire at colleagues protected by riot shields. As roles changed throughout the day the number of injuries increased until eventually 13 Greater Manchester officers, three each from West

Yorkshire and Merseyside and one from Lancashire had to retire from the fray with cuts, bruises, twisted knees and ankles.

However, police later denied that the situation had got out of hand. Marshals were policing the exercise with orders to blow warning whistles if the "rioters" acted too realistically.

Greater Manchester police said: "From time to time our officers need to gain experience from this sort of exercise so they are able to handle the reality if ever it occurs."

"Unfortunately there is always the possibility of minor injuries being sustained. But we are always very careful to ensure serious injuries are avoided."

Ten of Operation Orchid's "crushed petals" received hospital treatment for minor injuries, but none was detained.

One Greater Manchester police officer involved in the exercise suggested yesterday that inter-force rivalry had introduced a competitive edge to the exercise, and had contributed to the casualty list.

It was like a football match, he added, with each player anxious to be on the winning team. In this case, it was Greater Manchester against their Merseyside colleagues.

However, Mr Robin Thornton, press officer for Greater Manchester police, who watched the exercise, denied that inter-force rivalry had

played any part in the previous day's events.

"The exercise was designed to get the best out of senior officers, and those serving below them in a situation which we hope to God will never exist", he added.

"The point of the exercise was for every force to get the most out of it, and that is exactly what happened. The injuries were so minor that none of the officers involved was detained in hospital."

The riot training exercise was the first to be organized with the involvement of other forces, and senior officers will be debriefed to learn lessons for future training exercises.







'Ordinary people find it very difficult to ask for help'

# Suffering will replace the shock, say social workers

By Howard Foster

The emotional impact of the Hungerford massacre was described by social workers in Berkshire yesterday.

"People are bumping their cars and wandering round like zombies at the moment in Hungerford," Mr Don Phillip, a social worker with Newbury District Council, said.

He was with a group of elderly people in Hungerford on the day of the shooting and tried to help one of the victims.

"We all find ourselves forming into groups and we are all being very absent minded as a result of the tragedy," he said.

"The advice is: be careful about driving and be very tolerant towards one another. The counselling problems won't happen yet. People need their families at the moment and they are being philosophical about things," Mr Phillip added.

"Counselling will start in a week, we anticipate. We have a document about a fire disaster in Darwin, Australia, where the same thing happened. But this is different. At Zebrugga and Bradford there were terrible accidents.

"This incident had an element of evil. People were looking for scapegoats in the other disasters but here they haven't got anything other than a corpse to blame."

After a meeting with social services workers, police, clergy and other groups at the town hall to organize the official response to the murders, Mr Michael Stewart, Bradford Fire Project leader, told journalists that in a way the Hungerford massacre was worse than the Bradford fire.

"I can think of nothing

The classroom at John O'Gaunt school where Michael Ryan held police at bay before finally killing himself faces an uncertain future.

Mr David Lee, the headmaster, said yesterday that he would consult his staff before the return of the Hungerford secondary school's 730 pupils on September 8 to discuss whether room six should remain closed.

It was in this book-lined room that Ryan had studied English until he left the school 11 years ago. Last night

worse than being shot in the street," Mr Stewart said.

"Whether they feel guilty about it, whether they feel frightened, they need the opportunity not to sit at home and bottle it up. And they need to know that it is all right to cry and that it is all right if you feel angry.

"We are able to provide the acceptable face of therapy and

yet. People start to suffer and ordinary people find it very difficult to ask for help."

Local organizations have set up a permanently manned help line and have already received several thousand pounds in gifts to help the relatives of the bereaved.

"The immediate point is to allow people to talk with each other and get over what has happened," Mr Stewart said.

The classroom on the top floor of the school's three-storey Kennel block has not been cleaned since the tragedy. Three windows, smashed by Ryan as he threatened police remain unrepaired.

Mr Lee said: "Thank goodness it did not happen in term time. I dread to think what might have happened had the school been full of children."

There will be prayers for the victims when the new term starts.

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"We are able to provide the acceptable face of therapy and

help. People need to be able to come forward without embarrassment, shame or fear.

"People will still be wondering what happened. There are people in Bradford who are still unable to go to work," Mr Stewart said.

The first expressions of public grief at the massacre began to manifest themselves yesterday as flowers were placed on the steps of the town hall.

A representative from the Littlecote theme park owned by Mr Peter de Savary, where Ryan worked as a building labourer for three months, offered to auction a photograph of the killer with the millionaire businessman taken late last year.

Detectives from Thames Valley police yesterday interviewed Mr Peter Michels, proprietor of a gun shop in Westbury, Wiltshire, who is believed to have sold Ryan his Kalashnikov.

No Kalashnikovs were on display in Mr Michels's shop in Edward Street, but it was well stocked with shotguns, rifles and pistols. Mr Michels refused to comment.

Mr David Fairbrass, Ryan's cousin, said the girl the killer claimed to be on the verge of marrying last year almost certainly did not exist.

## Hometown burial for killer

Michael Ryan is to be laid to rest at Hungerford and his mother, Dorothy, is to be buried 24 miles away.

Mrs Ryan, aged 60, is to be buried at Calne in Wiltshire near the home of her sister, Nora.

In spite of fears that some local people may object to Ryan being buried in the town where he ran amok, the vicar of Hungerford, the Rev David Salt, said yesterday he was prepared to carry out the service.

"As a parishioner Michael is entitled to be buried here in Hungerford and that is what is going to happen.

"I have heard that local people may be upset if he is buried in Hungerford, but no one has communicated any objection to me."

An aunt and uncle of Ryan said last night they were told by him at his father's funeral two years ago that Mr Alfred Ryan, aged 80, dying of lung cancer, had asked his son to shoot him and put him put of pain.

Ryan told his relatives he had said to his father: "That's not what guns are for, Dad."

Mr David Fairbrass, whose mother was the sister of Ryan's mother, said his family found Ryan a "man of few words but you would not think he was strange."

Mr Fairbrass said police had told the family to wait for the coroner to give the signal for the funerals to go ahead.

## Cash help likely for families

Relatives of Michael Ryan's murdered victims and wounded survivors are likely to be eligible for compensation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

The board, set up to help the victims of violent crime, paid out £41.5 million in the financial year 1985-86, after the examination of claims by board members, drawn from the legal profession. The highest award made to date was £303,000 in 1984-85 to a man who was severely injured when a car boot was slammed on his head and neck.

In the case of murder the spouse and children under the age of 18 could be eligible for a bereavement award of £3,500 and a "dependency" award which would take into account earnings and lifestyle.



Brian and Susan Godfrey: Mrs Godfrey was the first of Michael Ryan's victims.

## Death will remain a mystery

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Spiller, of Swindon CID. Mrs Godfrey's husband, Brian, did not attend. "He is still in very deep shock," a police officer said.

Mr Godfrey, a computer technician, said yesterday that he was determined to rebuild his life. "This has ripped our lives apart, but no matter how bleak it looks now, I am determined to hold things together for the sake of the children," Mr Godfrey said.

"God knows what they are going through. It will take a long time before we get over the shock. I don't know if the children really appreciate what has happened."

Mrs Godfrey's parents, Harold and Ethel Fisher, were being comforted by relatives yesterday.

The parents of a girl shot four times by Michael Ryan want their neighbour put forward for a bravery award for saving her life.

Mrs Sylvia Pascoe dodged the bullets and raced out when she saw Lisa Mildenhall, aged 14, of South View, Hungerford, lying in blood.

She crouched over the teenage girl's prone body, and used her St John Ambulance Brigade training to staunch the flow of blood pouring from gaping wounds in her legs and stomach.

Portfolio Gold

## Boost for private schooling

The £8,000 Mrs Margaret Robson, a retired secretary, receives as sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold competition will be put towards private education for her grandchildren.

Her son, an academic, emigrated to Georgia in the United States earlier this year with his daughter, Suzanne, aged 11, and his son, Christopher, aged nine. The two are in state schools.

Mrs Robson, a widow, aged 67, of Beech House, College Road, Great Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, said of her win: "It's amazing. I obtained a Portfolio Gold card almost as soon as the competition started."

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## Opera plans songs from the wings

The soprano who ran sobbing from a London opera performance on Thursday night is hoping to return to the stage of the Queen Elizabeth Hall tonight, but not necessarily to sing.

Contingency plans have been made by the Opera Factory company for the Australian, Marie Angel, to act the title role of Gluck's *Iphigenia* while another soprano sings in the wings.

## Widow's death 'a blessing'

By David Sapstead

Mrs Myrtle Gibbs who died yesterday would not have wanted to live without her husband who died on Wednesday trying to save her, it was said yesterday.

The Gibbs's next-door neighbour, Mrs Sylvia Dodds, said the couple lived for each other and were "wonderfully happy". That happiness ended shortly after one o'clock on Wednesday afternoon when Ryan burst through the kitchen door at their detached home at 60 Priory Road, Hungerford.

Mr Victor Gibbs, aged 66 and known to everyone as Jack, threw himself across his wife to protect her from the burst of firing that came from Ryan's Kalashnikov semi-automatic rifle.

Police have refused to confirm reports that Mrs Gibbs was in a wheelchair at the time of the shooting and would not say whether she died as a result of bullets that had passed through her husband.

At least four shots are believed to have entered Mr Gibbs and he died instantly. His wife, aged 63, received



Mrs Myrtle Gibbs died two days after her husband, fatal wounds to the abdomen and she died early yesterday in the Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon.

The Gibbs had seven grown-up children, four sons and three daughters.

One son was flying home from Australia to be at her bedside when he was told of her death by cabin crew in mid-flight.

Mrs Dodds said: "It is a blessing that she died. She would not have wanted to

survive without Jack. She was very ill and it would have been too much for her to try to start life again after seeing him killed before her eyes."

Mr Ian Playle, aged 34, the chief clerk at West Berkshire magistrates, became the sixteenth victim of the massacre yesterday.

Women staff at Mr Playle's office in the magistrates' court in Newbury broke down and wept when told of his death at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

Mr Playle was driving his wife, Elizabeth, his son Mark, aged six and his daughter, Sarah, aged 18 months, through Hungerford on a day out when Ryan opened fire on their car, hitting him several times.

Mr Peter Habgood, principal magisterial officer, said: "The staff are devastated by the news. We have lost a very good boss and a very nice man, a happily married family man, that is the tragedy of it all."

Mr Habgood said Mr Playle had been chief clerk for 18 months and was extremely young for the job.

husband, Zubair, said Ryan was a regular customer.

On Wednesday, Mrs Dean said, "he seemed to be waiting for another customer to leave and began fiddling with the boot of his car."

Then Ryan pulled out a gun and fired at her glass window. "Every time I close my eyes I see his face. I'm trying to continue as normal. I went to Marlborough shopping yesterday, but I just couldn't shop."

Mrs Dean, a mother of three who runs the garage with her

## Terror at point-blank range

A garage cashier yesterday described how she survived when Michael Ryan aimed his gun at her from point-blank range and pulled the trigger.

Mrs Kakaub Dean, lying on the floor under a counter, held her breath and waited to die.

Then she heard a few clicks as Ryan ran out of ammunition.

"I know I am just so lucky to be alive. He would have killed me."

Seconds earlier, Ryan had

## Victim's son checked licence

By Craig Seton

A police officer whose father was shot dead by Michael Ryan probably cleared the gunman's application to buy a Kalashnikov rifle.

Police Constable Trevor Wainwright, whose home backed on to Ryan's, confirmed yesterday that he made a check on an application from Ryan for an addition to his firearms licence three months before the massacre.

PC Wainwright's father, Douglas Wainwright, aged 67, was shot dead and his mother, Mrs Kathleen Wainwright, aged 63, was wounded when Ryan opened fire on their car as they drove to visit their son.

PC Wainwright said yesterday that he had called at Ryan's house in South View in Hungerford to carry out an official police check on his application.

He said yesterday after visiting his mother in hospital in Swindon: "I would hate to think I had okayed the licence for the gun which killed my father."

"All we knew is that it was an application for a 7.62 automatic rifle."

"That must have been when he bought the Kalashnikov."



Police Constable Trevor Wainwright (left) and his father, Mr Douglas Wainwright, who was killed in Hungerford.

## 100-year docks drink problem solved

By Robin Young

Dublin Port and Docks Board has got rid of its alcohol problem at last.

On Tuesday unclaimed wines and spirits that have been accumulating in the board's warehouses since 1869 are to be sold at auction: some 25,000 bottles of now doubtful worth and potability.

"The difficulty has been that this was stock held in bond in which the customs men had an interest", the docks board explained yesterday. "With other unclaimed cargo if storage charges were not paid it was cleared out every year, but we had no licence to sell wines and spirits

and could never agree with the customs about samples being taken before it was sold."

Every new warehouse manager made his first objective a clear-out of the bonded drink, the spokesman said, but always the complications got the better of him and more urgent, and easily accomplished, tasks took precedence.

So it is that Mr Joe Hopkins of Morrissey's, the auctioneers, will sell 26 bottles of Charles Heidsieck brandy that have been gathering dust in Dublin for 118 years, and he has 70 bottles of Martell and 11 of Hennessy cognac sufficiently *vieux* for the cognac houses themselves to have sent

representatives to examine them, and to have expressed an interest in bidding.

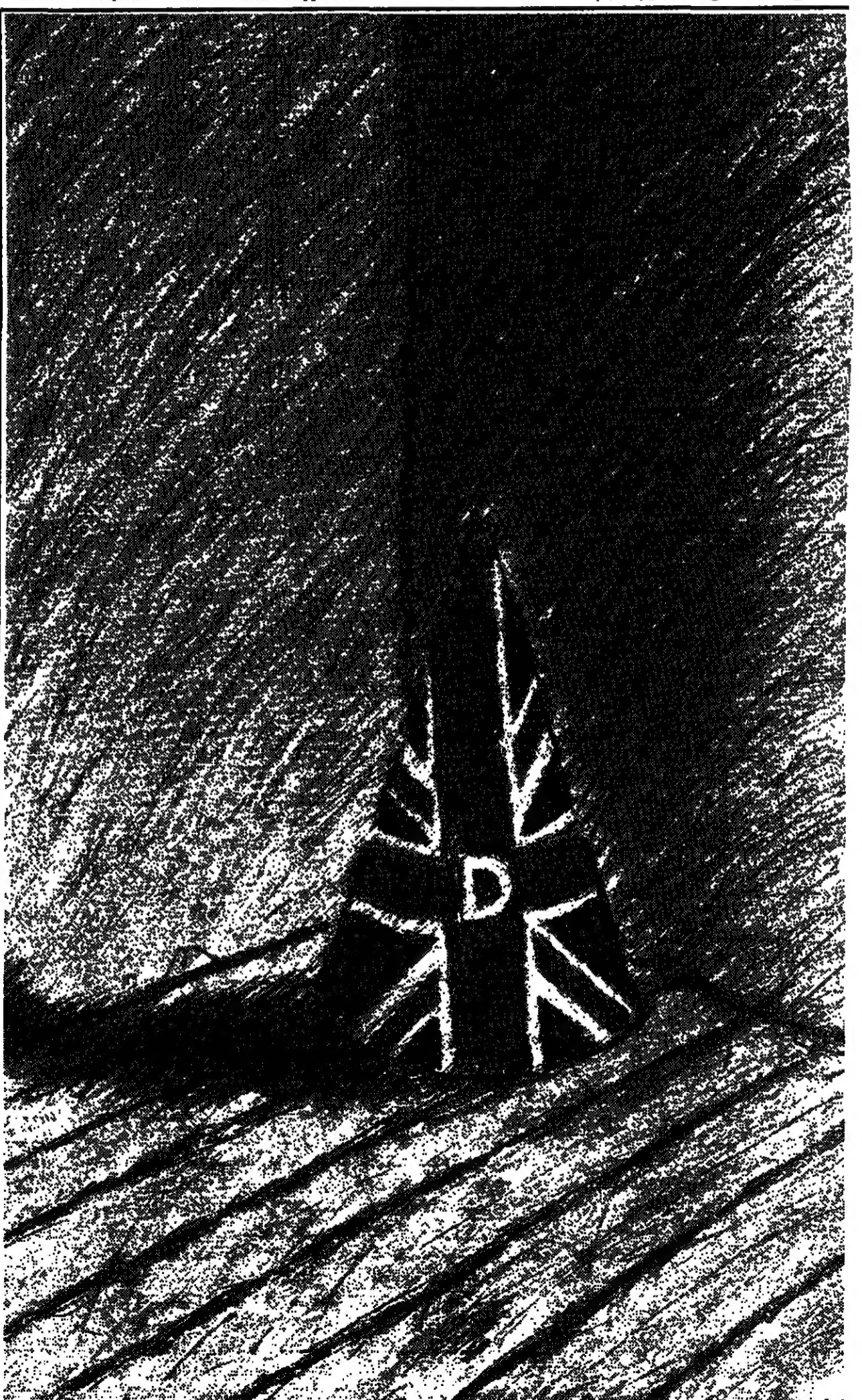
The Hennessy has been lying around since 1876, and the Martell since 1879.

The sale, which has been precipitated at last by the imminent demolition of the bonded warehouse to make way for government-sponsored development in Dublin's docks area, will also include some cases of Perrier-Jouet champagne that have been in store since 1919, some very rum runs, gin that is no longer in the pink, whiskies galore, and some Chateau-du-Pape that was originally imported for consumption in 1928.

Later additions to the docks board's forgotten cellar were, Mr Hopkins and the board spokesman agree, of disappointing quality: "mostly ordinary Italian and Spanish plonk and supermarket stuff that may or may not be drinkable."

Mr Hopkins says that although the old brandies have excited much attention he has not the faintest idea how much most of the other 2,100 or so lots will make.

The board spokesman said: "We have no idea what to expect, only that whatever money is raised the customs men will want the first of it."



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## WORLD SUMMARY

## Moscow anger at Japan expulsion

Moscow — Moscow has reacted sharply to the expulsion from Japan of a Soviet trade representative, Mr Yuri Pokrovsky, claiming it was an unwarranted retaliation for the expulsion of a Japanese diplomat and a businessman from the Soviet Union (Mary Dejevsky writes). Tokyo has denied there is any connection between the two expulsions.

A senior Soviet commentator on Japan, Mr Askold Biryukov, said in a commentary transmitted by the official news agency Tass yesterday that the expulsion of Mr Pokrovsky was an action "intended to escalate the unhealthy anti-Soviet campaign and stir up an atmosphere of suspicion and mistrust towards the Soviet Union and its policy". He blamed the worsening of Soviet-Japanese relations on what he claimed was Tokyo's desire to please the United States.

## Air accident kills four

Paris — Only two days after the crash of a Cessna light aircraft in south-west France in which four people, including three members of a Lancashire family, were killed and two others injured, another Cessna has crashed, killing four people (A Correspondent writes).

The second crash, on Thursday, was in forest on the Atlantic coast, only 500 yards from the crowded beach of Sauveterre, and 50 yards from a road. The dead were the pilot and three engineers on an aerial photography mission.

A further four people were killed in the Haute-Savoie in south-east France yesterday in another light aircraft crash.

## Border accord

Peking (Reuters) — China and the Soviet Union have agreed on the principles for redrawing the disputed eastern section of their border along the main channels of the Amur and Ussuri rivers, in accordance with treaties of 1858 and 1860.

The Soviet deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Igor Rogachev, said before leaving here that a joint working group had been set up to discuss the details after the latest round of talks. "We can feel very satisfied," he added.

## Amnesty attacked

Nairobi (AFP) — Amnesty International, the human rights organization, was attacked yesterday by Kenya's pro-government paper, which accused it of hiring mercenaries to translate its report on human rights in Kenya into the national Kiswahili language.

The Kenya Times, owned by the ruling Kenya African National Union, said Amnesty had engaged in a smear campaign whose sole aim was to blur Kenya's good image.

## Washington crash

Washington (AP) — Two people were killed and two critically injured yesterday when a helicopter plunged into the Potomac River. The five-seat Bell Ranger helicopter, which was involved in photographing the city, crashed just south of the 14th Street Bridge, according to a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration. Police said it was carrying a pilot and three passengers. The pilot survived. Witnesses said the helicopter had apparently been having mechanical problems but one said there was no indication of "any sputtering or engine trouble before he went down".

## Manila protest

Manila (Reuters) — About 5,000 left-wing demonstrators, protesting against rising petrol prices, burnt an effigy of President Aquino yesterday, the fourth anniversary of the murder of her husband, Benigno.

They marched through Manila chanting anti-government slogans and waving placards. Troops backed by water cannon blocked them on a bridge near the presidential palace where they burnt both Mrs Aquino and Uncle Sam in effigy.

## Protest at shorn curls

Jerusalem — Tension between Jerusalem's religious and secular Jews was running high yesterday after an 11-year-old Orthodox Jew had his sidecurls shorn off by an unidentified assailant in the city's ultra-Orthodox Mea Shearim quarter on Thursday night (David Bernstein writes). "This is the kind of thing that was done in Germany before the war," said the boy's father, Mr Elazar Hanan. The long curls traditionally worn by ultra-Orthodox Jews were often shorn off by the Nazis to humiliate and defile their victims. A massive pray-in is planned at the Wailing Wall on Monday.

## Crisis meeting on Iran Arab League ministers to tackle urgent task of unity

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign ministers of Arab nations meet in Tunis tomorrow to continue a search for unity which has been made far more urgent by the broadening of Iran's threats to countries it sees as Iraq's allies.

An emergency meeting of the Arab League, the most important international organization of the Arab world, was called by Tunisia after the United Nations Security Council's Resolution 598 passed on July 20, which called for a ceasefire in the seven-year Iran-Iraq war. The league was to have met two weeks ago but the meeting was postponed.

Only one of the belligerents, Iraq, belongs to the league, because Iran is not an Arab state. Although many of the 20 other members have differences with Baghdad, Tehran broadly sees them as Iraq's allies. The main exceptions are Syria and Libya, which are likely to restrain the meeting from issuing a communiqué critical of Iraq.

The efforts of some Arab states to keep good relations with both sides are being compromised by threatening incoherence from the Iranian leaders. The monarchies of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates have taken the brunt of the abuse, but the risk that the whole region could be engulfed worries all member governments.

British Embassy observers at the Arab League meeting may learn as much from the attendance list as from the final communiqué, which is likely to be bland. Most Arab League meetings attract a turn-out of half to two-thirds of member foreign ministers. A higher turn-out would indicate an exceptional level of concern.

## Flag protest leads to Basque violence



A demonstrator hurling a stone at police in Bilbao, in the Basque region of northern Spain, during protests sparked off by the hoisting of three flags on the town hall. The flags — national, regional and Basque — were flown, but the demonstrators were demanding that only the Basque flag, the Ikurrina, should be flying (A Correspondent writes).

The trouble began when about 100 youths sympathetic to Eta, the Basque terrorist organization, and belonging to the radical Herri Batasuna Basque Party, tried to force their way into the building.

The youths, all of whom had their faces covered with scarves, hurled stones, bottles and rubbish at the building. They were, however, prevented from entering by members of the autonomous Basque police force, who repelled them with truncheons and tear gas.

The war of words over the Basque region continues. While Señor Guillermo Arbeloa, a member of the Herri Batasuna Party, addressed the Parliament of Navarre yesterday, and called for the start of negotiations with Eta, a senior representative of the Spanish Government in the Basque region, Señor Julien Elgorriaga, said the only matter to

negotiate with Eta was its surrender. Señor Elgorriaga added that he was in favour of making the Herri Batasuna Party illegal because of its open display of sympathy with Eta.

In another development, four or five members of Eta held a secret meeting in Madrid last Saturday to set up a new cell in the Spanish capital. Ministry of interior officials confirmed yesterday. The organization's last cell in Madrid was discovered by police.

The officials said that security measures were being stepped up at police stations.

## Weinberger sees Star Wars deployment starting by 1994

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the United States Defence Secretary, said yesterday that a first phase of Mr Reagan's controversial Strategic Defence Initiative is a genuine possibility and that the technology is close at hand.

"The strategic rationale is clear and the benefits compelling. It must, of course, be followed by other phases until the system is complete and the ultimate goal achieved. So I ask our critics to turn away from their preoccupation with strawmen and false alternatives and to join the debate on the real issue at hand: how can we best reap the benefits of an initial phase of the SDI?" he asked.

In an article in *The New York Times* he reiterated his view that with adequate funding for the SDI research programme, "we could confidently anticipate that phased deployment could begin as early as 1994 or 1995". Mr Reagan has not so far taken any decision on the timing of any phased deployment.

Under the heading "It's time to get SDI off the ground", the Defence Secretary wrote: "In my view, no technical road blocks stand in the way of a phased deployment. The real roadblocks are presented by congressional funding cuts."

He observed that deterrence, strategic stability and arms reductions all could benefit from a first SDI phase.

Mr Weinberger added that phase one of SDI would offer an important element of protection for the entire West. It could, for example, provide significant protection from limited strikes.

"An initial phase — this is

Mr Weinberger: Technology is close at hand.

enormously important — would dramatically enhance deterrence of a large-scale attack by demonstrating to the Kremlin that a successful disarming first strike is simply impossible..."

Mr Weinberger added that the critics of SDI had created a classic "strawman" — the perfect defence — and then have argued that it cannot exist. But he said an effective defence is a defence that deters. And such deterrence was possible using technologies "we believe will be available in the near future".

Obviously, he went on, a complete defensive system cannot be deployed overnight. It must come in stages.

Mr Weinberger asked rhetorically what would happen if Moscow decided to attack US space-based defences before launching missiles against America and then said: "First, one of President Reagan's goals is to ensure that these defences are survivable. And even an attempt to overwhelm them with many warheads would not increase the Soviets' confidence that they would succeed."

## Shadow over second US visit

## Pope placates angry Jews

From Charles Bremner, New York

Three weeks before he visits the United States, the Pope, calling the Jews "our elder brothers in the faith of Abraham", has written a conciliatory letter reassuring angry American Jewish leaders that he is aware of Jewish suffering under the Nazis.

The Pope's letter, addressed to a US archbishop but released by the Church, is an attempt to calm the anger of the Jewish community over his meeting in June with President Waldheim of Austria and over other actions that are seen as reducing the importance of the Holocaust.

In his letter, the Pope says: "There is no doubt that the sufferings endured by the Jews are also for the Catholic Church a motive of sincere sorrow, especially when one thinks of the indifference and sometimes resentment which in particular historical circumstances have divided Jews and Christians." The Vatican has been working for several weeks to limit the damage done by the Waldheim meeting.

American Jewish leaders are to meet the Pope at his

Castelgandolfo summer residence on September 1 to discuss tensions arising from the meeting which, they say, failed to reveal any appreciation of the Austrian President's alleged Nazi connections or the role of the Jews as Hitler's principal victims.

Jewish spokesmen in New York welcomed the Pope's letter, saying it helped clear the air before his visit. Elie Wiesel, the writer and leading Jewish advocate, said: "I think it is gratifying to learn that the Pope now begins to realize the uniqueness of the Jewish experience and suffering during the Holocaust."

The Pope's letter, written to Archbishop John May of St Louis, president of the American Bishops' Conference, also said: "With our heart filled with this unyielding hope, we Christians approach with immense respect the terrifying experience of the extermination, the *shoah*, suffered by the Jews during the Second World War, and we seek to grasp its most authentic, specific and universal meaning."

The Jewish leaders have also been upset by the

beatification of Edith Stein, a German Jew who became a nun and died in Auschwitz, and by the Pope's failure on a visit to a former Polish death camp to mention that most of its victims were Jews.

Homosexual activists have been planning big demonstrations against the Pope in San Francisco, where he is to arrive on September 17.

In San Francisco, although the Pope will not visit any hospice or hospital specializing in AIDS cases, officials confirmed yesterday that he will meet AIDS sufferers and their families as well as victims of other diseases when he visits the Mission Dolores.

The papal souvenir industry is already in full swing, turning out a deluge of trinkets in questionable taste. Among them are "Pope-sicle" iced lollies, T-shirts with the inscription "The original Vatican animal" and lawn sprinklers which spray water from the out-turned palms of the Pontiff.

The Pope, who last visited the US in 1979, is to meet President and Mrs Reagan in Miami.

## Floods bring starvation threat for Ethiopians

By Michael Dynes and Thomson Prentice

An estimated 840,000 Ethiopian refugees, mostly children and elderly people, face the prospect of immediate starvation after torrential rains have severed road access to refugee camps in southern and central Somalia, according to officials in Mogadishu.

Mr Abdi Mohamed Tarrah, the Somali Commissioner for Refugees, said yesterday that thousands of tonnes of emergency food relief were needed to avert mass starvation in parts of the Shebelle and Juba valleys.

Heavy rainfall has washed away roads, causing transport problems and making access to some refugee camps virtually impossible.

Relief agency workers also fear that flooding may lead to epidemics of water-borne diseases.

In neighbouring Ethiopia, an estimated two million tonnes of emergency food relief will be needed to cope with the drought affecting ten of the country's 14 provinces, according to officials at the United Nations World Food Programme.

UN officials believe that as many as three million people in Eritrea and Tigray, the two worst-affected areas, will need food relief if another famine is to be averted.

## Fiji report rejects republic

Sava (Reuters) — Fiji's political framework should be changed without severing its links with the British Crown, according to an official report released yesterday.

The report by a Constitutional Review Committee set up by the Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, said it found little support for proposals to turn Fiji into a republic.

Ratu Ganilau, who heads an interim administration set up after a military coup in May, said in a statement that the report showed no consensus on a new constitution to help restore democracy.

The report said a majority of the 16-member committee recommended that the Constitution be changed to ensure indigenous Fijian domination of Parliament.

Six supporters in the committee of the deposed Prime Minister, Dr Timoci Bavadra, called for a return to the old Constitution which gave the country's two main races — Fijians and Indians — an equal share of the old 52-member Parliament.

The other committee members represented traditional chiefs, the radical Taukei Movement and the Fijian-dominated Alliance Party.

The report said that some of the submissions suggested that, if no solution was found, Fiji should be declared a republic.

But the committee noted that Fiji would have to cut its links with the British royal family and the Common-

wealth if it became a republic.

"There was general agreement throughout the committee itself that the links with Her Majesty were important and should be retained in their present form," the report said. "There should be no change to the present constitutional arrangements whereby Her Majesty is Queen of Fiji and head of state."

Committee members said Fiji would automatically lose its Commonwealth membership if it became a republic and there was little chance of it being accepted if it applied to rejoin.

A National Reconciliation Committee, appointed by Ratu Ganilau, is to study the report and make its own submissions to him.

## Raw sewage opens eyes of Moscow party chief

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

The head of the Communist Party in Moscow, Mr Boris Yeltsin, was mobbed by hundreds of angry residents when he visited one of the capital's older suburbs recently; insults were hurled, and there were heated exchanges, according to a report in yesterday's edition of *Moskovskaya Pravda*.

As soon as news of the visit got around, people came out into the streets, shouting invitations to Mr Yeltsin and his party to come inside and look at the state of their flats. In one block, he was shown knee-deep raw sewage that had collected in the cellar after the drainage system collapsed. The stench was such that all the ground-floor tenants had requested transfers, but in vain.

Elsewhere, Mr Yeltsin was told of pipes that had burst in the winter, leaving whole blocks without heating, while the outside temperature was below zero. The pipes had still not been repaired. He was shown leaking roofs, fist-wide crevices in inside walls and mountains of rubbish,

where rats ran freely, covering children's play areas.

All the problems had been reported repeatedly to the organizations responsible for maintenance as well as to the local party and local council officials, but nothing had been done. According to *Moskovskaya Pravda*, the only repairs done to the estate in 25 or 30 years were cosmetic: filling of some external cracks and some roof repairs.

Apparently, the local maintenance department had realized that by repairing one roof, they could eliminate several complaints at once and so enhance their "complaints solved" statistics with a minimum of work.

Others complaints concerned the lack of shops and the breakdown of supplies to the suburb. There had been one shop selling prepared food, but it had been shut down and replaced by a co-operative food store where the prices were several times higher. A fruit and vegetable shop had only rotting asparagus and green tomatoes and none of the staples, like cabbage, carrots or potatoes, let alone more rarely available fruit like apples and lemons. As *Moskovskaya Pravda* reported, the only shop that was decently

stocked was the liquor shop.

Mr Yeltsin's visit, the date of which was not revealed, but which was probably earlier this month, had an immediate effect. The following day, a succession of service vans and refuse trucks arrived — the like of which the estate had never seen — and clearing up operations started in earnest.

The Sevastopol suburb in southern Moscow is about half an hour from the city centre by public transport. The area has been rapidly built up in recent years, and neither the transport facilities, which are always overcrowded, nor the services are adequate.

The blocks visited by Mr Yeltsin were built in the 1950s. They are five-storey rectangular buildings set not unattractively among trees and grass. At least, that is how it looked yesterday. The blocks are all identical, mid-brown and dilapidated, with signs of recent hasty re-pointing and filled cracks. The balconies on some blocks have been shut off, most of them look perilous.

The rubbish has mostly been cleared now. The play areas have new red climbing-frames, all identical, and work has started on building new

drains has started. There is no sign, however, of the civic pride which *Moskovskaya Pravda* said bitterly had long been lost.

Yesterday there were the same clutches of elderly women sitting morosely in their courtyards. The same clatter of dominoes could be heard from the tables among the trees where able-bodied men of working age were waiting away their time.

The Sevastopol suburb, and the Novocheremyski estate in particular, is one of Moscow's earlier overspill building projects. Now, it is falling to pieces and bringing with it all the social problems familiar to run-down council estates in Britain. But Novocheremyski was just the first of many — and its blocks are smaller, theoretically more manageable and set in better surroundings than some.

The problems Mr Yeltsin, who is an outspoken critic of privileges for the Soviet elite and believed to be a man in the Gorbachov mould, saw for himself in southern Moscow are repeated all over the Soviet Union. And the estates are still being built, to even lower standards, some say, than those of 30 years ago.

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## Black miners head for third week of gold strike despite dismissals

From Nicholas Beeston, Johannesburg

Thousands of striking black miners were issued with fresh ultimatums by their employers yesterday as mining houses adopted a new tactic to break the resolve of the two-week strike. The Anglo American Corporation, whose nine gold mines and 13 collieries have been hardest hit during the stoppage, announced that it would dismiss 16,000 workers from four shafts on three mines, unless they returned to work by Monday.

The mines affected are Shaft 9 at Vaal Reef, Shafts 2 and 3 at Western Holdings and Shaft 4 at Sasipass. Already this week the company has dismissed at least 6,000 strikers from Vaal Reef and Western Holdings after they defied deadlines to go to work.

A source at Anglo American described the new tactic as a "legal ouster" whereby mining houses could close "marginal" shafts hit by the strike and dismiss the workers but would be free to reopen the shaft later. The union argued that the strikers were still in legal dispute with the Chamber of Mines and that the reinstatement of the sacked workers was automatically a new condition for a return to work.

However, the management's strategy is intended to

break the will of a quarter of a million workers who have observed the stoppage. Under South African law strikers are not entitled to strike pay, so the prospect of returning home and losing their jobs may induce some to return to work.

A similar tactic of "legal lock-out" was also adopted by another mining house, Johannesburg Consolidated Investments, which has threatened to sack 3,000 workers at the Randfontein Estates gold mine.

The Gencor company has warned more than 17,000 strikers at its four Evander gold mines that they will face "disciplinary action" for being absent from work, although a company spokesman refused to say what measures would be taken when.

A mining source close to the

companies predicted yesterday that the actions were "just the start" of a concerted campaign by the mining houses to break the wage dispute by the National Union of Mineworkers, which has staggered the industry by its size and stamina. "We will see more threats of dismissals from more mining houses next week," said the source.

Although the six leading mining houses have lost tens of millions of pounds during the dispute, the stoppage has had little effect on the value of the rand or the price of gold. It is believed that the industry has gold reserves lasting several months and can probably outlast the strikers.

Although this week has seen less violent confrontations than the first week of the strike, one black miner was killed and 20 others seriously injured in overnight clashes with mine security officials on Thursday.

The incident at Goldfields' Libanon mine was the first fatality of a striker since the start of the action. At least 250 strikers have been wounded in violence involving strikers, mine security and police in the past two weeks.

## Pretoria mourners salute Rudolf Hess



An unidentified man giving the Hitler salute when up to 100 Nazi sympathizers, parading with swastikas, attended a wreath-laying ceremony in Pretoria on Thursday in a public display of mourning for Rudolf Hess. The setting for the ceremony, attended by ageing German expatriates and uniformed members of the ultra-right Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, was a First World War German memorial at the Rebecca Street cemetery (Nicholas Beeston writes from Johannesburg). Three youngsters wearing the uniform of the Voortrekkers, the Afrikaner boy scouts, unfurled Nazi flags, and a large swastika was draped by the memorial.

A spokesman for the AWB told *The Times*: "To us, Rudolf Hess was a hero and a leader of a nation. We are not Nazis, but we can appreciate the feeling they (the Germans) had for their leader."

## Family orders post mortem

From John England, Bonn

have serious doubts about the official version of his death."

The whereabouts of Hess's body is being kept secret until his burial in Wunsiedel, a small Bavarian town, which is the Hess family's old home. The police say they fear that if its location were known, left or right-wing extremists might try to snatch it.

It was still not clear yesterday when the interment in the family plot would take place. Herr Hess and the family lawyer, Dr Alfred Seidl, had a meeting in Wunsiedel on Thursday night with the Mayor, Herr Karl Walter, and the Protestant Pastor, Herr Peter Zeisler, to finalize the funeral arrangements.

But Herr Hess, who has sold the exclusive rights to the Hess story to *Bild*, would make no statement to waiting journalists when the meeting ended. Herr Walter said only that he would announce the date of the burial on Monday.

All local police leave has been cancelled amid fears of neo-Nazi demonstrations here this weekend and during the burial, and riot police in

Munich are also standing by.

In Munich, Herr Hubert Mehlner, the head of the Bavarian Counter-Intelligence Service, said after neo-Nazis scattered leaflets and sprayed some buildings with Nazi slogans in the state: "We have the developments fully under control."

Wunsiedel, a pleasant resort on the edge of the Fichtelgebirge hills, was quiet yesterday.

At the well-kept cemetery, photographers sat idly in the sun near the modest Hess family plot, marked by two granite headstones, while several local women attended other graves. A few sightseers strolled along the paths.

But plain-clothes policemen have been keeping watch on the cemetery since it became known that Hess would be buried there. A massive police force is expected to surround the area when the Nazi leader is finally laid to rest.

Many townspeople, however, are concerned about an expected invasion of neo-Nazi "pilgrims" when the police leave.

## Minister quits to look into bribery

Delhi (Reuter) — A senior minister in the Indian Cabinet has resigned in order to head a parliamentary inquiry into allegations that the Swedish arms maker, Bofors, bribed Indian officials to secure a \$1.3 billion deal.

The Parliamentary Affairs Ministry said that the Water Resources Minister, Mr B. Shankaranand, currently involved in the fight against India's worst drought this century, resigned yesterday.

Mr Shankaranand was the sixth Cabinet minister to resign since March, but sources in the governing Congress (I) party said that unlike some of the other ministers who had left, Mr Shankaranand was still loyal to the party.

The Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, is expected to accept Mr Shankaranand's resignation and might temporarily take over his portfolio. Mr Gandhi already heads a national group directing drought relief measures.

The ruling party yesterday announced its nominations to the 30-member parliamentary inquiry into whether Indian public figures accepted bribes from Bofors to help it win a contract to supply field guns to the Indian Army.

The party will have two-thirds of the seats on the inquiry committee, which will run in parallel with an investigation ordered on Wednesday by a Swedish prosecutor, Mr Lars Ringberg.

Apart from four seats occupied by Congress allies, the opposition will boycott the inquiry because the Government has refused to allow it to summon ministers for questioning or to examine other defence deals over which allegations of corruption have been made.

STOCKHOLM: Swedish authorities have given a warning of costly consequences if the investigation into the Bofors affair leads to a cancellation of the arms agreement. However, a spokesman for Bofors said yesterday there were no indications that the sale would be stopped (AP reports).

Both the Foreign Minister, Mr Sten Andersson, and the Export Credit Authority have voiced concern over the possible cancellation.

## Yard aids Colombo inquiry

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

Three Scotland Yard detectives last night flew from Britain to Colombo to assist the Sri Lanka police, apparently baffled by the assassination attempt on President Jayewardene.

Outside help in solving the crime has been sought since the 50-strong team already in action has evidently not got very far, and the police force may not be wholly trusted any more by the Sri Lankan leadership.

More than 800 employees of Parliament, where the attempt took place, have been fingerprinted and the prints are being compared with five prints reported to have been found at the scene.

Eight people were still being detained for questioning in Colombo yesterday as police inquiries continued into who

was in the supposedly locked room adjoining the parliamentary committee room where the political leadership of Sri Lanka was attacked with gunshots and a hand grenade.

Police sources were quoted as saying that four of the eight were members of the special police squad of bodyguards — the Ministers' Security Division. It is widely theorized that the attack must have been carried out with at least the connivance of some member of the Ministers' Security Division and 20 revolvers are being closely examined.

MPs who were present in the room have spoken of an arm in a long white sleeve poking through the anteroom door, and this is thought to be an additional indication that the assailant was a member of the division, since they mostly

favour a white tunic for their working dress. It proves very little, however, since MPs, their political assistants, and even Parliament House officials, all wear white.

The anteroom is normally kept locked, and yesterday it was reported that the official who had charge of the keys for it told the police that the master key had been borrowed for a short time two days before the attack.

Meanwhile, public attention is gradually turning to the political situation that will obtain in the north and east of the country after the end of hostilities.

The leading Tamil guerrilla group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, have announced that they are ceasing to levy taxes in the Jaffna peninsula.

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## Fresh violence in Panama

## Riot police move against marchers

Panama City (AP) — Police fired tear gas and birdshot to break up an anti-government demonstration by hundreds of young people on Thursday in the first big outbreak of violence since protests were banned two months ago, but there were no reports of serious injuries. The demonstration was to demand an end to military domination of the Government.

Riot police, known as "Dobermans", arrived at the Church of El Carmen in the city as people began to gather for a "youth march" called by the National Civilian Crusade, a coalition formed in June to demand the resignation of the military leader, General Manuel Noriega. Eyewitnesses said that more than 12 youths were arrested. Some sources said an American photographer, Mr. Miguel Blanco, was also detained, but this could not be confirmed.

The pro-government Channel 2 television reported that General Noriega had ordered that those arrested at the demonstration should be released into the custody of their parents or of priests.

Students at the University of Panama, which adjoins the Church of El Carmen, threw stones at police. A car belonging to the electricity company was set ablaze, and windows of buildings were broken. The protesters also threw rocks at the government-owned water company, witnesses said. Workers in nearby offices expressed their sympathy with the protesters by coming out on balconies and waving white scarves, symbols of protest. They also showered police with white paper as

motorists continuously sounded their horns.

At nightfall, dozens of riot police patrolled the capital's main streets, some of which were blocked by demonstrators who put up barricades of burning rubbish.

President del Valle issued a decree on Monday banning demonstrations unless they were authorized and did not obstruct streets. He said the step was necessary to preserve public order. The television station said the city's authorities had prohibited the "youth march".

On Monday, about 5,000 people gathered peacefully, chanting "Down with the military dictatorship" and "Noriega is an assassin". That day, a planned nationwide general strike fizzled out.

Spokesmen for the coalition, an alliance of 192 business, professional, political, labour and student groups, blamed the strike's failure on government intimidation and their inability to promote it through newspapers, radio and television, which have been subjected to a government crackdown since the unrest began.

The crisis began in early June when General Noriega's former second-in-command, Colonel Roberto Herrera, publicly accused him of corruption and election fraud and of ordering political assassinations. Security forces arrested Colonel Herrera during a raid on his home last month, and he is being held at an undisclosed address.

Doctors, nurses and medical students were to hold a march yesterday to demand a return to democracy.



Riot police arresting a demonstrator during Thursday's outbreak of violence in Panama when a march to demand an end to military domination of the Government was broken up.

## Unrest deals serious blow to economic prosperity

From David Gollob, Panama City

The manager of one of Panama City's five-star hotels complains that bookings are down by 50 per cent since the troubles began in June. An executive at a local television station claims advertising revenues have fallen by 60 per cent throughout the industry. The manager of a luxury department store deserted by shoppers, shakes his head in a gesture of despair.

Little blood has been spilled over the past two months of political turmoil in Panama, but the economy has been seriously wounded and may never recover its former prosperity, according to businessmen and analysts.

Panama's 3 per cent annual growth rate, once one of the highest in the region, will be wiped out as a result of continuing political instability, say economic forecasters who predict a 7 per cent decline this year.

"People are not spending, and advertisers are not advertising," said Señor Juan McKay, programme director of Channel 5, a local television station. "There is an urgent need for dialogue."

The opposition movement known as the National Civilian Crusade is pressing for the resignation of military strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega as a precondition for negotiations. The Government has indicated that it is willing to make some concessions, but the General's departure is not negotiable.

The failure of the Crusade's call for a business shutdown last week has strengthened the Government's hand. Although the private sector overwhelmingly supports the Crusade, the economic tollpans touched off by an outbreak of unrest in what had previously been an oasis of stability in Latin America, has sent a chill of

fear through the business community.

"The leaders of the Crusade have made a big mistake," said Señor McKay. "They should be negotiating Noriega's departure, not insisting on it."

The banking industry, one of the mainstays of Panama's economy, has been hardest hit. A dollar economy, Swiss-style secrecy laws and tax breaks on loans booked here had helped Panama develop into the most prominent offshore banking centre in Latin America and the Caribbean.

More than 100 banks and financial institutions from as far afield as Japan, Israel and India have operations here, with estimated assets of \$38.8 billion. However, uncertainty over the country's political future has triggered a run on deposits. Estimates of capital flight since unrest began in June run as high as \$4 billion

(\$2.4 billion), more than 10 per cent of bank deposits.

These estimates could well be conservative. A decision by the First National Bank of Chicago to close down operations in Panama by the end of August will by itself account for 50 per cent of reported capital flight. Panama has no exchange controls, and the Government has no power to prevent private and corporate investors from moving their money out of the country.

"It was the first thing I did when the trouble began," said one prominent businessman, who claimed that private depositors had withdrawn more than \$400 million from Panamanian banks since June, triggering a liquidity crisis that could lead some smaller banks to fold by autumn.

However, this may be overshadowed by Panama's inability

to meet payments on its \$5 billion foreign debt, one of the highest per capita debt burdens in the world. The Government has been obliged to negotiate a 90-day moratorium on interest payments, having previously suspended repayments of principle, technically putting Panama in default.

Reeling from the suspension of US economic aid, worth \$20 million a year and the refusal of international lending institutions to approve further loans without financial reforms, the Government is desperately seeking new sources of credit. This week, a parliamentary delegation was dispatched to Taiwan, to invite the Nationalist Chinese Government to underwrite the country's entire foreign debt.

According to Panamanian press reports, Taiwan has not responded with anything more than a pledge to strengthen bilateral commercial ties.

The men decided to take no action, however, to avoid doing anything that could help the Government in the crucial elections on September 6.

"González had a high prestige that was growing within the military," one officer — a colonel — said, referring to the close links between the ousted general and the rebel group led by former Lieutenant-Colonel Rico.

## Discontent persists after Argentina military rebellion

From Eduardo Cué, Buenos Aires

Four months after an Easter weekend rebellion by middle-ranking officers shook Argentina's young democracy, relations between the military and the Government of President Alfonsín remain tense and uncertain, according to well-informed sources.

The discontent within the military is such that no one is ready to discount another rebellion against the Government, although most observers believe that the chances of this are remote.

While the new Army Chief of Staff, General José Dante Caridi, has been partly successful in imposing his authority and in re-establishing the chain of command, the sources say the influence of the rebels, Lieutenant-Colonel Aldo Rico, has increased in recent weeks.

General Caridi is trying to re-establish discipline by demoting the officers involved in the Easter events while at the same time publicly supporting their re-absorption into the Army.

Sources within the armed forces said he seemed to be trying to shore up his support in the Army by stealing much of the rhetoric of the middle-ranking officers.

As part of this effort, the General has made a series of unusually blunt speeches defending the military's tactics during the war against subversion, in which at least 10,000 people disappeared and thousands more were tortured and kidnapped.

At the same time, however, General Caridi has taken a series of steps that have raised discontent within the ranks of the very officers he has been trying to seduce with his tough rhetoric.

The most important of these was the removal of General Fausto Marcelo González from his post as deputy Army Chief of Staff.

It was the appointment of General González to this post that finally calmed the deep discontent among middle-ranking officers. His removal reportedly sparked a series of meetings in barracks across the country.

Even more worrying for the Government is the military's renewed insistence that the tactics it used during the fight against subversion should be justified. For the military, this would include releasing from prison the former military commanders, including two former presidents convicted for human rights violations in December, 1985.

"Until General Caridi demonstrates that he is going to defend all the insults to the military, Rico will continue to be a leader," the colonel added.

"That is why Caridi does not want to break his personal relationship with Rico, and why he personally went to tell him that General González was being relieved of his duty."

Besides dismissing General González, General Caridi has also removed both Lieutenant-Colonel Rico and Major Ernesto Guillermo Barreiro — who sparked the Easter rebellion by refusing to appear before a court in Córdoba — from the active duty roster.

In addition, unit leaders who took part in the rebellion with Lieutenant-Colonel Rico have been reassigned to minor posts.

Nevertheless, the influence of the so-called Rico group has continued to grow within the military. Although the Government has tried to meet the Army's demands as best it can — a 25 per cent pay rise for officers has been recently approved — large areas of potential conflict still remain unresolved.

The most immediate problem is the scheduled resumption of some human rights



General Caridi: Imposing his authority.

trials. Charges are still pending against more than 50 retired officers who were not covered by a limited amnesty approved last Spring, and it is far from clear whether active duty officers will agree to testify against their former colleagues.

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## Canadians turn down entry visa for Adams

Ottawa (APF) — Canada has denied an entry visa to Mr. Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Féin, the political wing of the outlawed IRA.

It was the fourth time Canada has refused to grant a visa to Mr. Adams, the MP for Belfast West, who was invited to speak next month at a trade union congress in Quebec on employment discrimination against Irish nationalists in Ulster.

## India's eighth Vice-President

Delhi (APF) — Mr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, aged 69, a veteran member of the Congress Party, has been elected unopposed as India's eighth Vice-President.

Mr. Sharma has MA degrees in English, Hindi, Sanskrit, public administration and law from Cambridge, Zurich, London, Allahabad and Lucknow universities.

## Gypsy brawl

Orense, Spain (Reuter) — Four gypsies, including three brothers, were killed and four seriously injured in a brawl involving guns and knives over the theft of a horse.

## Father's fury

Genoa (APF) — Raffaele Autuori, apparently angry about his 14-year-old daughter Antonietta's love life, chained her up in a dark wine cellar, shaved off her hair and wounded her with scissors, according to Italian police.

## Graves found

Kampala (APF) — Ugandan authorities have discovered the mass graves of about 50 people killed in Entebbe during the rule of the deposed president, Dr Milton Obote.

## Town curse

Dhaka — A police officer set off riots in Kurigram in northern Bangladesh by handcuffing a dead man accused of smuggling, because residents felt he would bring the dead man's curse on the town.

## Free at last

Harare (Reuter) — Six kidnapped foreign mission workers, including an Australian, an American and a baby, freed by Mozambican rebels, arrived in Zimbabwe and were taken to a secret destination.

## Off their food

Tokyo (Reuter) — A total of 152 guests at a plush Akasaka Prince hotel in Tokyo have been taken to hospital with suspected food poisoning after eating a French meal. None was seriously ill.

## Thatcher 'best literary agent' for Spycatcher

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Mrs Margaret Thatcher is the best literary agent for *Spycatcher*, the memoirs of Mr. Peter Wright, the former British counter-intelligence officer, a lawyer opposing a ban on a Hong Kong newspaper publishing extracts from the book said yesterday.

Mr. Anthony Lester, representing the *Sunday Morning Post*, told a court: "Mrs Margaret Thatcher has been the best literary agent for the sale of *Spycatcher* in the United Kingdom."

Mr. Lester, in his closing statement after a three-day court hearing, said the book's first edition sold 75,000 copies in Britain and the second edition 200,000. "Thanks to the United Kingdom Government, the book is now a best seller in the United States and Canada."

The book cannot be published in Britain but imported copies can be sold.

The English-language *Sunday Morning Post*, a sister paper of the daily *South China Morning Post*, is seeking to overturn an interim injunction imposed by the Hong Kong High Court after the

first extracts appeared in the paper on July 25. Sale of the book is not banned in the British colony and it is fast becoming a best-seller.

Mr. Lester said there was no evidence to suggest that publishing extracts from the book would damage Hong Kong's security interests.

"It is also clear that the Attorney-General has produced no cogent evidence to persuade this court that even the United Kingdom's security interests will be irreparably damaged," he said.

Mr. Lester, who also represented *The Sunday Times* of London against a similar injunction, said any secrecy about the book had been destroyed because of its easy availability in the United States and elsewhere.

British newspapers have been banned from printing extracts from the book. Britain has appealed in Sydney against a court decision to allow the book's publication in Australia, where Mr. Wright lives. A temporary injunction was also imposed on a New Zealand newspaper.

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## Meeting finalizes 'nuts and bolts' of peace plan

By Martha Honey

Central America's five foreign ministers have successfully completed their first working session aimed at setting up the mechanisms for implementing a new regional peace agreement and will now move to enlist the help of other Latin American states and the United Nations.

Speaking at the close of the two-day meeting in San Salvador, the El Salvador Foreign Minister, Señor Ricardo Acevedo Peraltá, said: "We have completed the agenda called for in the peace plan, within the timetable specified."

The loosely-worded plan, which seeks to end the wars in Nicaragua and El Salvador, cut outside support to insurgent groups in the region, lift the state of emergency and restore civil liberties in Nicaragua, is scheduled to be implemented by November 7, 90 days after it was signed.

Señor Acevedo Peraltá, who chaired the meeting, read a seven-page communiqué signed by his colleagues from Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica and Guatemala.

He said their meeting had

dealt with the "nuts and bolts" of how to enact the peace agreement. The foreign ministers established several working commissions concerned with the questions of amnesty and refugees, constituted themselves as an executive commission, and solicited international support in setting up the mechanisms for verification.

However, the foreign ministers left unresolved some of the stickiest issues in the peace plan including the ceasefire, security, verification and arms control. Some of these matters they will discuss this weekend at a meeting in Caracas, Venezuela, with chiefs of the United Nations and the Organization of American States, and the eight Latin American foreign ministers from the Contadora Group and Support Group.

Twice in the past the Contadora Group, composed of Mexico, Colombia, Panama and Venezuela, has helped the Central American nations move forward towards an agreement.

Local officials also argue that the numerous arrests are proof that existing laws are effective. The Government prosecutor and his men point out — in private — that it is not the state authorities, but the federal teams from outside, who are carrying out the clean-up.

Mr. Mario Cuomo, the state Governor and a Democrat of national stature, has challenged Mr. Giuliani to come up with figures to prove his claims about New York. "It's not just New York. But everything we do is gigantic because of the media exposure," he said. "Everything we do, our whispers become shouts."

## Corruption in New York

From Charles Bremner, New York

## Arrests mount in construction scandal

Yet another batch of arrests for bribery and extortion in New York has heightened argument among prosecutors and officials over the seemingly bottomless well of corruption in the city and state.

Twenty people, including six senior trade union officials and eight company directors, were rounded up by the FBI on Tuesday and charged with bribery and extortion in New York's billion-dollar-a-year construction industry.

After detailing a now familiar litany of allegations, Mr. Edward McDonald, head of the FBI's anti-corruption task force, said graft in the construction business was systematic and pervasive. "It goes on all the time throughout the city of New York."

The latest round-up came after the arrests last week of 44 municipal officials around the state on charges that they had accepted bribes and "kickbacks" from an undercover FBI agent who posed as a seller of road-building equipment. The FBI said the local government officials had accepted 105 out of 106 bribes offered to them. The unsuccessful pay-off was rejected only because the recipient

considered it was not enough.

Most of the corruption cases have involved New York city. In the past 18 months, more than 100 city officials have been prosecuted or dismissed for alleged dishonesty. They have included a borough chief executive who committed suicide, and a string of high officials close to the Mayor, Mr. Edward Koch.

Mr. Mario Biaggi, New York's veteran Congressman, is awaiting trial on two separate corruption cases, one involving a big city defence company that is alleged to have paid off a senior political figure. Six state legislators are under investigation for financial abuses, and the former mayor of the town of Syracuse has been charged with serious corruption offences.

Mr. Rudolph Giuliani, the Federal Government's chief "crime-fighter" in New York, says the city is gripped by a plague of graft that reflects a moral malaise among public servants.

"There is a mound of evidence that something is terribly wrong with the political system in New York," he said.

Mr. Giuliani, whose war against gangsters and Wall Street wrongdoers has

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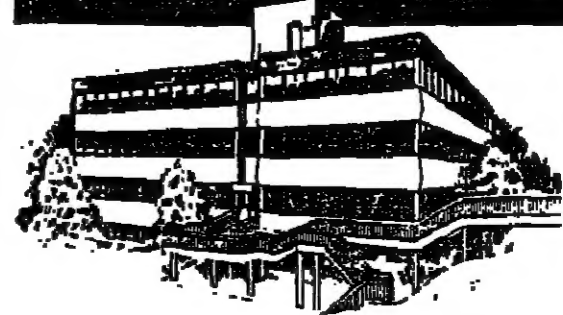
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## SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

## Boosted roosters

For top sportsmen, drugs tests are a fact of life. Snooker players, marksmen, weightlifters, athletes, footballers: anyone who excels at virtually any sport comes under scrutiny. This naturally includes racing pigeons. The Dutch Pigeon Racing Association has introduced random dope tests to combat the fanciers' habit of trying to sneak races by giving their birds an extra lift with Cortisone. The association's medical adviser, Hans van der Sluis, says: "The number of pigeon owners using the drug has increased over the past two years. Some owners say it makes the birds fly faster, but it has terrible side effects. We hope to stop it with the tests." There are more than 50,000 pigeon fanciers in the Netherlands, and serious money is involved. Naturally there is a thriving transfer market: top birds can change hands for 70,000 guilders — about £22,000.

## Uncappable

How happy I am to learn that the Brits beat the Americans in a cricket match played at the North Pole last May. The crew of the British submarine Superb took on the crews of the American subs Bullfish and Sea Devil and carried the day. The facts have been kept secret for a while, because the boats were on a NATO exercise. But now all can be revealed. The Brits did have a slight advantage: they bowled overboard, the Americans underboard.

## Limboing up

You know that jolly tune they play on the telly before the cricket? Not everyone knows that it is *Soul Limbo* by Booker T and the MGs. It has been used to introduce the cricket since 1971, and has become one of the few things you can be sure of in a changing world. Next week it will be re-released by Ace Records — and as what they describe thus: "A cricket ball shaped picture seven-inch disc... featuring Don Bradman, and George Duckworth."

## Vive le sport

John Hollands has added to my summer's wonderful collection of bizarre cricket matches with his tale of a match played in Japan which ended with four batsmen timed out. Mr Hollands, then a subaltern, was captain of the British Army XI in Japan at the time of the Korean war; they played in a clearing of a pine wood outside Tokyo on "an extremely dangerous matting wicket." The players would take along their Japanese girlfriends, who watched loyally but baffled. One match was against a French infantry battalion. The Brits batted first, scored 200-odd for not many wickets, and declared. The French went to field, and the French waiting batsmen, seeing no point in sitting idle, began disappearing into the woods with their girlfriends. Mr Hollands writes: "My team soon became restless and then positively mutinous." After six wickets had fallen the supply of French batsmen dried up completely. The captain shouted loud and long, and search parties were sent out, but to no avail. The British umpire, finding that his girlfriend was among those lured away, made his historic decision to time out four successive batsmen. Mr Hollands comments: "As far as I am aware the dismissal of four batsmen under the two-minute rule in one innings still stands as a cricket record and is about as secure as Jim Laker's 19 wickets in one Test."

BARRY FANTONI



"Perhaps we should have another think"

## Flying start

"Few Anglican clergymen can have been named at their baptism after a Derby winner," a letter from the Rev Bernard Croft begins uncompromisingly. His fascinating epistle concerns the Rev Emilius Bayley who was named after the 1823 Derby winner, Emilius. Mr Croft continues: "As parents had their son secularly christened in a punch bowl of wine. No doubt he was more properly baptized later as a future vicar of St George's, Bloomsbury." Mr Bayley later changed his surname to Laurie, but he kept the Emilius. No doubt he lived his life thankful that he had nothing worse: the Rev Shergar or the Rev Shabranstani would have a life full of problematic explanations. I wonder if there are any future men of the cloth who will in later life become the Rev Reference Point.

## Shake-out rather than slump

by John Bell

— City Editor —

A casual observer of this week's mayhem in the City might well conclude that Britain's economic health has taken a sudden turn for the worse and that the 12-year-old stock market boom has been stopped dead in its tracks. Both propositions are incorrect.

Since the beginning of the month there have been two sharp plunges in share prices, each wiping more than £20 billion from the value of shares quoted on the stock market. For young dealers who cannot recall the vicious bear market of the mid-1970s and the inexperienced first-time share buyer this probably came as a painful and perhaps costly shock. But to many investors who lived through the days when the FT Index, now over 1700, crashed to 146, the stock market has been overvalued for some time. Even now, according to some bearish analysts, a further fall of up to 10 per cent is not improbable. Shares have after all risen by almost 50 per cent this year. But the bears would be careful to add, this by no means indicates that ordinary investors should sell everything immediately.

In the 1920s the American banker J. Pierpont Morgan, asked his thoughts on the current situation, replied that "markets will continue to fluctuate." Nothing changes. This month markets have fluctuated their way on to the front pages and into the TV news bulletins, giving off misleading signals as they did so. On Thursday, after news of a sharp rise in bank lending, shares fell by 3 per cent; such a fall over a month or

even a week is not uncommon. In a single day it becomes news. The misleading factor is that volatility can be mistaken for collapse.

Why should markets have become so volatile? There is a technical answer and a psychological one. Since Big Bang last autumn an enormous new trade in shares has blossomed. It takes place between the many investment houses who act as market makers in shares. Turnover between market makers themselves, mostly conducted via electronic screens and telephones, is now running at a level of £1.1 billion a day — almost as much business as the Stock Exchange does with outside investors.

Competition, consequently, is cut-throat. A professional investor sees the prices quoted by each of the market makers in a particular share alongside each other on his screen. The best and worst quotations are instantly recognizable. Prices move fast and furiously, downwards when the Chancellor unexpectedly raises interest rates as he did this month, upwards when he surprises with a cut, as he did just before the election.

There is a more complex reason for the volatility seen this month and for much of the year: professional investors' fear of doing something different from everyone else. Many professional fund managers have noted that on the usual yardsticks, share prices are

higher than at any time since the roaring bull market of 1972. Every instinct has urged them, if not to sell, then certainly to stop buying. Staying out of a market which is strongly rising, however overvalued it may have become temporarily, is tantamount to professional suicide for investment managers.

Since the election, when the expected flood of Japanese investment largely failed to appear, investors have been uneasily waiting for a market shakeout to clear the air as a shower does on a humid day. Higher interest rates early this month and the bad credit figures on Thursday both provided ideal opportunities for those itchy fingers to press the sell button.

But this by no means signifies a sea change in the economy, which was given a clean bill of health a matter of months ago when the government was marketing Rolls-Royce, BA and BAA shares. Nothing changes that swiftly or surprisingly in a large, mature economy, especially if it is constantly under an analytical microscope.

The immediate cause of this week's nervousness was said to be those leading figures showing that bankers extended a further £5 billion of credit last month, giving rise to fears of strong inflationary pressures. But surprisingly it is not Bank lending that has been buoyant for

the past few years. Coupled with other official monetary data and evidence such as booming house prices and stock markets, there has been a good deal to indicate that monetary conditions have been lax.

This is not uncommon in pre-election periods, the most spectacular recent case being in 1978-79. It was foreseeable that measures would be needed. But since the abandonment of direct controls after a disastrous experiment with the so-called corset and the scrapping of hire purchase regulations, raising interest rates and making speeches is more or less the full extent of the Treasury armoury available to curb bank lending. It may well be that a further rise in interest rates is needed to head off the danger of a second Barber boom which led, in the early 1970s, to sky-high interest rates and soaring inflation. But since Britain is growing more rapidly than almost all her competitors, this may not be a bad thing provided it prolongs the buoyancy of the economy in the longer run.

Meanwhile, those excitable chaps in the City can be expected to calm down when the trend of interest rates becomes clearer in the next month or two and key forecasts for next year's corporate dividends and profits are firmed up during the autumn. The one serious if unquantifiable threat is that of a blow-up in the Gulf. The Six-Day War brought an abrupt end to the early 1970s bull market. Another Middle East crisis would do the same now.

Philip Howard recalls his Spandau days of conscript spit and polish

## When I guarded Hess



The grim entrance to Spandau prison, and pipers of the 'Ladies from Hell' whose task it was to keep watch on Hess

Rudolf Hess would never have been allowed to die, let alone asphyxiate himself, if he had been guarded by the Black Watch. One of the oddest forms of military service for the past 40 years has been mounting the Spandau guard in Berlin.

The Black Watch, the Royal Highland Regiment, called the Ladies from Hell by its enemies, and something scurrilous to do with sheep by its rivals, bulled and swaggered for it as meticulously as for the Ballater Guard, on which it drew grouse for holidaying royals in Balmoral. The redbrick fortress of Spandau was a stage on which we could demonstrate to the world that the British, and particularly the Scots, and most of all the Black Watch, were best; and that anybody who meddled with them would regret it, as they had from Fontenoy to Alamein.

The last of the national servicemen were made aware that it was a terrible honour with which they were entrusted. One subaltern fresh from Oxford was so overwhelmed by the honour that he forgot the tickets for his draft, having marched the new recruits with pipes playing through Perth en route for Berlin, and was disappointed when the ticket-collector found him short of not just one but 60 tickets.

In Berlin small boys followed you shouting remarks — no doubt admiring — about the kilt, and the Jocks were sometimes provoked into making dour Dundonian compliments back out of the sides of their mouths. In a dispute with

the Russians about who controlled a certain square, the Regimental Sergeant Major, as shrewdly as Solomon, took a pot of white paint and drew the demarcation line across the middle of the square straight over the boot of a Russian officer who was trying to stamp his territorial claim lightly.

Thistles and tears to the national servicemen with an inadequately balanced spit or with polish left on his Jimmy (silver St Andrews with cross worn on his sporran) when inspected for taking over the Spandau guard. The sergeant major used his pace stick to lift the back of the occasional kilt to make sure that nobody was letting down the regiment by wearing underpants.

It was important to impress the Americans, French, or Russians from whom we were taking over that the Black Watch ruled, OK? There was a formal little handover ceremony in the courtyard inside the main gate.

Spandau jail itself was just like a thousand prisoner of war camps, with high walls, electrified wire, and sentry towers with searchlights. In those days the telephone system was as primitive as some thing from the Boer War. Every hour the guard commander cranked a handle, and with much cackling and roaring at last got through to ask: "Is that number one tower?" To hear a voice reply, with the plying patience that Jocks had for their national service officers, as though talking to wee bairns: "Aye, Sor, this is number one tower," with the

implication, "did ye think it was the transvestite night club in the Kudamm, you great soft Jessie?" On his routine patrols the guard commander occasionally caught a glimpse of Hess, who was watched every moment of day and night by professional warders from the four nations. He was usually sitting hunched up, as still as a lizard, in his cell. The Jocks reckoned he was shamming sick. He looked to me to be locked in some catatonic cupboard of the mind.

Speer and von Schirach cultivated their gardens in the exercise yards with a good show of flowers and vegetables. They leapt to their feet and said *Guten Tag* as generally as German managing directors to the guard commander. Hess would not garden, but sat slumped on a three-legged stool in the sun. Some stickler for regimental pride eventually ensured that he stood up for the guard commander. He bowed stiffly from the waist, but never spoke.

There was a very splendid Russian jail commandant, whom the Black Watch entertained in the officers' mess, where he developed a taste for bagpipes during dinner, whisky, and the form of unarmed combat known as the eightsome reel that the young officers danced afterwards; they danced to win, taking no prisoners. One Argyle major was hurled backwards out of a second floor window once. Shortly afterwards the Russian commandant was given a lean and hungry political deputy, and his visits to the mess stopped. At the time there was a scare

that an attempt was going to be made to snatch Hess from Spandau by James Bondage balloon. And all night long for many moons the Jocks growled and caressed their Bren guns and looked longingly at the night sky.

Guarding a dotty old monster was an odd way to perform one's national service. But the eyes of the world were on us. The Black Watch, as always, would do its duty.

One evening, with no warning, the prison commandant said that Admiral Doenitz was to be released immediately. The subaltern guard commander (today a distinguished minister of the Kirk) was not going to let a Black Watch prisoner free on the say-so of some non-regimental outsider. So the commandant telephoned the headquarters of the Berlin Independent Brigade, and first a Colonel, then the Brigadier, and finally the General ordered the Black Watch over the telephone to let Doenitz go.

By then the guard commander had got the sporan between his teeth. Eventually the Commanding Officer of the Black Watch had to come down to Spandau in person to assure everybody that it really was OK to turn their prisoner loose.

Nobody telephoned the press for a picture scoop of Doenitz walking out. For one thing it would not have occurred to us. For another thing it would have seemed unregimental. And those Spandau telephones would not have worked anyway.

In 1947, Pakistan's historical links are undeniable. At least 400,000 Pakistanis live in this country and are putting down cultural roots. Britain has shown appreciation of Pakistan's difficult role in accepting millions of Afghan refugees; its border with Iran could also prove strategically important.

All this assumes that Pakistan wants to be invited. Mr Shaharyar Khan, Pakistan's ambassador to Britain, told *The Times*: "Pakistan would be happy to rejoin provided we can do so on an honourable basis." By that he means that Pakistan will not make an application unless Ramphal's inquiries show that it would be accepted without a wrangle.

Mr Khan believes a return to the Commonwealth would be popular at home, although not a major issue. "But the mood of the Pakistani community here is very clearcut: they would like it."

Over the next two months Commonwealth leaders will be casting about for an issue capable of resolution at Vancouver. South Africa will produce only division, and little else fits the bill. With magnanimity from Delhi, a decision to make the 49 into 50 could be the answer.

Andrew McEwen  
Diplomatic Correspondent

Robert Kilroy-Silk

## Riots that go unremarked

Why is there a conspiracy of silence about the "white riots"? They are rarely reported, still less commented on. Yet they now occur in almost every part of the country, and with increasing frequency. Screaming newspaper headlines would have announced the fact, had those involved in some of the more serious disturbances been black. Pompous editorials would have preached at us.

Had the riots occurred in Brixton, Toxteth, Moss Side, or somewhere similar, then judicial inquiries would have been launched, the Home Secretary would have made a stately but discreet visit, and every aspiring sociologist in the country would have been on the scene, searching for causes.

The white riots attract none of this attention. Yet, according to the Police Federation, they are now common in many areas. It has expressed its concern at what it calls an "extremely disturbing trend for mob violence and hooliganism to occur in places not normally known for violent disorder. No police force area in England and Wales has been exempt from this new experience. Indeed, the problem has become so serious in certain parts of the country that police forces have been compelled to set up special task forces to deal with what they call "mini-riots".

Let us be clear what we are referring to. We're talking about gangs of hundreds of drunken white youths, often wielding knives and machetes, rampaging through otherwise peaceful towns and deliberately seeking battles with the police. Only a couple of weeks ago, a group of hundreds of white youths stormed through the sleepy town of Stroud in Gloucestershire for two consecutive nights, pelting the police with stones, glass and bottles. Two policemen were injured and two patrol cars were damaged. Few newspapers reported the incident.

Nor is this the only recent case. Much the same happened in Mansfield in Nottinghamshire, when some 500 youths hurled bottles and glasses at the police, passing cars, a fire engine and a bus. On this occasion the police actually donned riot gear, and called in the horses. Even then, 11 policemen were injured. These are not isolated incidents. Indeed, perhaps it is precisely because such outbreaks have become so routine that they go largely unnoted. No doubt that is why we make little of the fact that police in dozy Shrewsbury in Shropshire fought with 500 youths outside a nightclub, and were sprayed with CS gas for their pains — the third time, incidentally, that CS gas has been used in public disturbances in Britain this year, and not once by the police. Perhaps it also explains why we

make such little fuss over the riots in Oxford (where 150 youths attacked police with metal stakes, bottles and clubs); in Buckingham, where 30 youths were involved in a fight in a pub; in Chertsey in Surrey; Llanelli in Wales; Bristol and elsewhere.

All these are, of course, additional to the hooliganism and rowdiness we have come to expect as almost a normal feature of a British seaside holiday weekend. Already this year there have been gang fights in Bournemouth (where nine people were taken to hospital, two with stab wounds), in Weston-super-Mare (where 25 were arrested), in Morecambe, in Brighton and, increasingly, in Portsmouth and Portugal and Spain.

What, then, are the reasons for this disturbing new phenomenon? What can we say straight away is that none of the traditional excuses will wash. Unlike the rioting of young blacks in the decaying inner cities and the slums, or even in the large, depressing and deprived outer housing estates. Brothels, homelessness, deprivation, homelessness, unemployment — none of these seem to play a part. Alienation might, though from what is difficult to determine. In this respect, at least, Mrs Thatcher's new initiative on the inner cities is not relevant. It is welcome, overdue, but it has nothing to offer in terms of a solution to large-scale mob violence and vandalism in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Shropshire.

Drug-taking appears to play some part. Stroud certainly seems to have a problem with soft drugs. This, inevitably, causes problems, if only of resentment against police making arrests of users and pushers, which can tip over into anti-police violence. The Police Federation actually suggests that there is an anti-police culture among many of the young and that, encouraged by their own large numbers, and emboldened by drink, they are not merely prepared, but often enthusiastic, for a battle.

If that is true, then it is serious and depressing. So also is the effect of alcohol. Whatever the causes of the white riots, the police seem to be generally agreed that drink is a contributory cause, and a major problem. So is that of under-age drinking. The police in Stroud estimate that 10 per cent of its drinkers are under-age, and formed the core of a Christmas Eve riot in the town. Perhaps Douglas Hurd should take all this into account before he flings open the pub doors for all hours. It will be even better if he paid a little more attention to, and openly discussed, riotous behaviour by young whites.

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Peter Brimelow

## Bearing down — but when?

New York  
When my brother and I first enlisted as Master of Business Administration students at Stanford University in California way back in 1970, we would repair with our tuna sandwiches one lunchtime each week to a classroom that had been commandeered by the student-run Investment Club. There we would listen while others argued about how to manage a one-stock portfolio that had been bought with our membership dues.

The stock market has long been thoroughly democratized in America, and this sort of thing goes on all over the country, not just among business school students. Once Richard Russell, editor of a famous investment service called *Dow Theory Letter*, addressed us. That day, the professors' secretaries came by to listen. This was serious. They were all in the market, running their families' investments.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average seemed to be working its way back into position to assault the 1,000 mark, which it had already briefly touched in 1966, the highest point in a bull market that extended back to 1949. Today, of course, the Dow is threatening 2,700, after moving up in stages for nearly 13 years. Once again, graduating MBAs compete to gain on Wall Street.

This means that another generation has grown up without experiencing a real bear market. Because, of course, it turned out that the stock market was not going to break through the 1,000 barrier by the winter of 1974, it was down to 570, taking many of my generation of MBAs with it. The Wall Street firms that had hired them died like flies. Some of them were driven out of the investment business altogether. Now they read articles about a latter crop of MBAs almost instantly receiving six-figure salaries on Wall Street with the sombre sentiments of Flanders veterans at a school prize-giving.

The bear market that reached its nadir in December 1974 was actually much more horrible than was indicated by the Dow, which is made up of only a few heavily-traded stocks. For example, the average stock on the American Stock Exchange, which specializes in smaller companies, was down 90 per cent from the 1960s highs. This is why, even today, some advisers refuse to consider the

possibility of another 1929-style Great Crash. They believe it has already happened, in 1974.

Although the survivors may have underestimated the extent of the disaster at the time, the devastating effect of a market that goes down for years in a row was all too apparent. By the end despair was so unconstrained that respected figures in the financial community would confide that they were buying gold coins and burying them in their gardens.

It will happen again. There will be a "primary" bear market, lasting for several years, and many lives built on the assumption of a continuing stock market boom will be ruined. The market has always behaved in this cyclical way, for obscure and no doubt profound reasons of its own.

But the question is when. My favourite source is the extensive American underworld of investment letters, written by independent advisers and bought by subscription. Since 1980, investment letter performance has been objectively measured, for the first time, by a young Oxford-educated Quaker, Mark Hulbert. His work shows that some investment letters have been able to beat the market as consistently as any Wall Street money manager. And of all the half-dozen or so top letters, only one is an outright bear. Several are increasingly worried — but they are still holding stocks, at least for the short term. By contrast, the average investment letter is distinctly bearish.

It is a commonplace that the 1974-87 bull market has reached its present level, where many traditional measures indicate it must end, without ever having had a serious "correction" — a sharp, temporary decline. Less well observed is that it has been accompanied, especially since Ronald Reagan's election, by continuous dire predictions about the economy by important, but politically liberal, figures in the American establishment.

Currently a best-seller here, widely and respectfully reviewed, is a book called *The Depression of 1990* by an Indian-born economist, Professor Ravi Batta. Batta's arguments are rubbish, but his book's real significance may be as a symptom: the euphoria normally expected at stock market peaks, still hanging in the air in 1987, is not yet apparent in 1987. The author is a senior editor of *Forbes* magazine in New York.





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## MR HART GOES HOME

A recent United States Gallup poll suggested that if Mr Gary Hart re-entered the race for the White House he would beat his nearest rival for the Democratic candidacy by a margin of nearly two to one. That says something about Mr Hart, a little more about the American electorate and most of all about the others who are trying.

It does not, however, sufficiently reflect the vagaries of an electoral system which is purpose-built to make monkeys out of pollsters. That presumably is why Mr Hart himself, who was fishing in the Irish Republic at the time, apparently heard the news with equanimity and continued his holiday uninterrupted.

That all changed yesterday, after a flurry of speculation started by his former campaign manager, Mr William Dixon. Mr Dixon, a Denver lawyer, said in a telephone interview that it was not only possible but probable that Mr Hart would re-enter the contest. First Mr Hart dismissed this, then he refused to confirm or deny — and finally decided to cut short his holiday and return. Is he wise?

Mr Hart became nationally (and internationally) known during the 1984 presidential campaign when he mounted an early challenge for the Democratic candidacy in the primaries. He faltered, and then fell, when the party's big guns lined up behind Walter Mondale. "Where's the beef?" taunted Mondale on his political platforms, borrowing a television commercial catchphrase to expose the alleged superficiality of his more glamorous, more articulate opponent.

He had made his mark, however, and in the absence of anyone better, was leading the field this time round — when once more he stumbled and crashed. This time it was a bizarre set of incidents involving a young actress and some rather older investigative journalists. The outcome — fair or not — lent credence to stories of his womanizing. A married man, despite problems with his marriage, he was vulnerable to scandal of this

kind. After first trying to bluff his way out of it, he bowed out instead.

As Mr Hart flies back to the United States to reassess his chances he might reflect upon two political truths — one which should be of some comfort and the other which might work the other way. The first is that the private morals of a number of political leaders in the United States, as in Britain, have become remarkably public in the past without removing them from a comfortable place in history. That may be changing. But there is no evidence that the change is complete.

The other is that however uninspiring his Democratic rivals may appear, they usually do at this stage in a presidential campaign. Hart himself was little known till the primaries started — and the same was still true of Jimmy Carter. Even Franklin D. Roosevelt was prematurely written off by many, including distinguished commentators who had later to feed their political columns into the shredder.

Therefore, despite the poor opposition, there is no guarantee that the polls will continue to support Mr Hart. The US presidential campaign is so gruelling and so long, not to mention its staggering expense, that a two-to-one lead at this stage should be regarded very warily by the man in front. They vote for Gary Hart now because his is the name they know best. But will they continue to do so when the others have begun to look more familiar?

Later this year Mr Hart's actress friend is due to reveal all in a film that is being prepared for television. It may be that there is little left to tell. At best her nationwide exposure will bring Mr Hart once more centre stage.

Unfortunately for him, however, one does not need to believe every allegation of an affair to question Mr Hart's real sense of judgement. For a man who is entertaining thoughts of becoming President of the United States to run such a risk of scandal at such a time is to court scepticism and dismay among his followers. Mr Hart's political hopes are still alive. But they will only stay that way with intensive care.

## NOT BY WALLS ALONE

Some political problems quietly disappear while ministers are away on holiday, sometimes leaving the incumbent with the feeling that, if only he took more holidays, there would be fewer difficulties to face. Others fester in the filing cabinets. For a Home Secretary one of the most persistent stayers is the condition of Britain's grossly overcrowded prisons.

As Mr Douglas Hurd begins to prepare his annual address on crime and punishment to the Conservative Party conference he already knows the main lines of his case: the fact that the British penal system traditionally makes greater use of custody than do those of its European neighbours, the fact that, while recorded crime has continued to rise, so have the numbers of cases cleared up. He will be able to make subtly clear that in response, albeit indirect, to public anxiety, the judiciary have been handing down longer sentences, particularly for crimes of violence.

The result, however, has been to impose great strain on the capacity of prison accommodation, on prison staff and, of course, on prison inmates. Before he went away, Mr Hurd announced that the period of remission available to those sentenced to up to 12 months' imprisonment would provisionally be increased from a third to a half. This measure should reduce the prison population by some 3,500.

In addition, the former Cabinet minister, Mr Mark Carlisle, is to chair a review of parole. At the end of his impressive-sounding list of political activities he will have to face the fact, however, that the problem is certain to worsen before it improves.

The Home Office's current first priority is urgently to increase the amount of prison accommodation available. The biggest prison building programme since Victorian times is now under way. Twenty new prisons are being built and older establishments expanded and improved. In this respect the most important further task is to accelerate this provision. The current seven-year time for completion of a British prison is far too long.

More lessons can be learnt from the United States, where the private sector has a much greater role than here in designing and building prisons. The Home Office has been pressing

ahead with its attempt to reform the working practices of prison officers. In the short run, however, the reforms will cost money. The juggling of money between wages and buildings goes on.

Successive Home Secretaries have sought to reduce the numbers of the prison population by influencing directly or indirectly the behaviour of the courts. This is always difficult — and particularly so at a time of heightened public concern about levels of crime. Both magistrates and the general public retain a good deal of suspicion of the non-custodial sentences available.

The Government has stressed that community service should be demanding and has promoted the application of strict and specific conditions to probation orders. More may need to be done. Otherwise the building of more prisons will simply mean that more prisoners are found to fill them. It must be made clear that the aim of the programme is to stop overcrowding not to perpetuate it.

Underlying the physical problem of the prisons is the intellectual problem of the purpose of punishment itself. At the time when the Victorian prisons were built those responsible for them would have agreed that the dual purpose of custody was to deter and to rehabilitate. Nowadays, they would be far less sure: we are less optimistic about altering human behaviour.

The underlying purpose of custody now is almost always to administer fitting punishment according to the seriousness of the offence committed — almost irrespective of the possibility of rehabilitating the offender or, indeed, deterring potential offenders. Opinion research has shown that the general public, while wishing to see long prison sentences for the worst crimes of violence, does not want to see imprisonment used in many other cases.

If the long-term pressure on Britain's prisons is to be reduced, the judiciary and the general public alike will need to be persuaded that custodial sentences are one — but only one — option for the administration of fitting punishment. A more open public debate on such issues could do nothing but good. The problem of Britain's prison system cannot be solved by bricks and mortar.

## FOURTH LEADER

An American tourist, visiting Moscow, was heard to complain that his name was something of a handicap back home: he was a Mr Baron Pravda.

It is not immediately apparent which half of his name was causing the trouble. When the United States threw off the yoke of King George, the victorious Americans no doubt assumed that all the trappings of monarchy, including titles, had been swept away at the same time.

Since then, it is true, they have been creeping back; there is a considerable hereditary nobility in the United States — one need only mention Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Earl Hines (to say nothing of Adlai Stevenson the Third) — but perhaps this tendency is resisted by most of Mr Pravda's countrymen, and he suffers obliquely, as a result, on the part of those who think he is giving himself airs to which he is not entitled and which in any case have no place in a truly democratic and egalitarian society.

What is more, if Barons are frowned upon in the United States, it must surely follow, *a fortiori*, that they are unwelcome in the Soviet Union; a man who is looked at askance on the territory of both superpowers is indeed in a wretched plight.

Matters are not much improved when the second half of his moniker is considered. Perhaps he thought that to declare "I am

Pravda" in Moscow would be a sure way to the hearts of the Muscovites, which would make up for the problems at home.

Unfortunately, there is a snag even in that. "Pravda", after all, is the Russian for "truth" and among his hearers when he announced that he was the truth might well be a number of officials who, in these days of glasnost, would feel distinctly uneasy at what they would see as a forthcoming inquisition into the way they had discharged their duties in pre-Gorbachov days.

Americans — there is no denying it — are funny about their names. At one time, there was a state in the Union in which anyone wishing to change his name was obliged to give reasons to a court. The requirement had long been a formality; the applicant would read off a prepared list of disadvantages, in words used a thousand times by a thousand applicants, and the judge would automatically grant the plea.

One day, a citizen called Goldberg took the stand and recited the regular name litany — excites hostility, blocks advancement in chosen profession, handicap to moving in local society, deplorable prejudice impossible to overcome — and sat down, awaiting the rubber stamp. Unfortunately, that day's hearings were conducted by a Judge Goldberg, who really had no option but to refuse the request. Perhaps Mr Baron Pravda doesn't know when he's well off.

## 'Spycatcher' ruling and rights Bill

From Mr N. S. Price  
Sir, Renewed calls for the enactment of the European Convention on Human Rights as a Bill of Rights following the *Spycatcher* case are misconceived. It is clear from the speeches of the law lords (Law Report, August 14) that this would not have altered the instant result, since the Convention is prayed in aid of both the majority and minority opinions. No case could more clearly show that the interpretation of the Convention is ultimately a matter of political philosophy over which opinions differ.

In fact we already have a Bill of Rights adjudicated on by the Commission and Court of Human Rights, organs of the Council of Europe, in Strasbourg. A domestic Bill of Rights would thus create a two-tier jurisdiction.

To place these decisions at first instance in the hands of the English judiciary would finally explode the myth that judges do not make policy choices in some cases. If this were not already obvious from many cases, of which *Spycatcher* is the latest.

The advent of a Bill of Rights would also concentrate attention on the vexed issue of how these platonic guardians should be appointed in the United Kingdom and in Europe, taking account of democratic principles. Then again, the *Spycatcher* case already starkly poses this question.

Yours faithfully,  
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Milton Keynes,  
Buckinghamshire,  
August 18.

From Mr Malcolm Hardwick, QC  
Sir, Lord Scarman's letter (August 3) asserting need for "a Bill of Rights to educate all of us to our

true priorities in the law" is surprising.

Evidently he seeks a constitutional guarantee of individual freedoms. But history shows how unwise it is to write into a document of state which is organic law the statement of a political ideal.

When Australia federated in 1901, it neither adopted the first 10 amendments to the American Constitution (which are known as their Bill of Rights) nor the fourteenth amendment relating to the rights of citizens.

In 1788, Alexander Hamilton, a great American commentator, wrote that bills of rights are, in their origin, stipulations between Kings and their subjects, abridgments of prerogatives in favour of privilege, reservations of rights not surrendered to the prince.

Such were Magna Carta and other constitutional documents, like the Petition of Right 1627 and the Bill of Rights 1689. However, these measures are not immune from legislative change.

Alexander Hamilton thought that bills of rights were not only unnecessary but would even be dangerous. Indeed, a Royal Commission on the Australian Constitution in 1929 suggested that the American prohibitions "have in fact stood in the way of much social legislation".

Any Bill of Rights would deprive a legislature and the course of power fully and effectively to control lawlessness in its many forms. Any such proposal ought to be condemned and rejected.

Yours sincerely,  
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180 Phillip Street,  
Sydney,  
New South Wales, Australia.  
August 6.

## Islamic scholarship

From Mr Raymond Kalman  
Sir, It is right to point out the unacknowledged debt which Western scholarship and civilisation owe to Muslim scholars. It is also necessary, however, to make a distinction between individual Muslim scholars and Islam generally. Unfortunately Mr Michael Dwyer's article of August 15 failed to do this.

In the case of Averroes it is particularly necessary to make this distinction for his views were opposed by Islamic authorities in his time. Moreover, as his views frequently conflicted with those of his co-religionists, his works were extensively condemned and prohibited.

It is owing to his Jewish admirers that his writings are preserved today for only in the shape of Hebrew translations or a transliteration from the Arabic text in Hebrew characters did they escape the fanaticism of the Moors.

It is also necessary to point out that Averroes was an Aristotelian, as was Maimonides, his fellow Jewish scholar.

Let us please keep the record of these great scholars and the debt which we owe to them, but let us also record that scholarship and its preservation has taken many forms and many different cultures are responsible for its being able to benefit from them today.  
Yours faithfully,  
RAYMOND KALMAN,  
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August 18.

## Specialized nurses

From the Chairman of the National Association of Health Authorities

Sir, All of us who are involved in the National Health Service will share the concern at the problems of the nursing profession mentioned in the letter of Dr J.C. Linley-Adams (August 18) and all will wish to help to solve those problems. However, the revival of the tired cliché about "far too many administrators in general in the National Health Service" is not helpful for that purpose.

The truth is that because of manpower and financial constraints the NHS is in fact under-

## Auschwitz question

From Rabbi Dr N. R. M. de Lange  
Sir, The article, "Holocaust: A Jewish perspective" by Rabbi Bernard Berkovits (August 15), with its message that the challenge of the Holocaust is a challenge directed at people, not at God, makes an important point, not least perhaps as a corrective to the recent article by the Chief Rabbi, which tended too far, in the opinion of many of us, in the direction of a direct correlation between human disaster and divine justice.

But perhaps Rabbi Berkovits goes too far the other way. "In Jewish terms", he writes, "the correct theological question is not 'Where was God?' but 'Where was man?'". I should have been happier if he had written "not only" in place of "not".

Jewish theologians do find themselves under the necessity of endeavouring to answer the question, "Where was God at Auschwitz?"

This is not, as Rabbi Berkovits might be read as implying, simply a surrender to Christian modes of theology. Rather, it stands in a long and honourable line of Jewish theological questioning in the face of disaster, going right back to the question posed by Abraham: "Shall the Judge of the whole world not act justly?" (Genesis xviii, 25).  
Yours faithfully,  
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Sidgwick Avenue,  
Cambridge,  
August 16.

## Lead shot in swans

From the President of the National Federation of Anglers

Sir, I must comment on the report, "Thames swans dying in spite of lead shot ban" (August 13). The increase in the number of affected swans taken from the Thames at Garrick's Ait is, to say the least, baffling.

During 1986, when a voluntary lead ban was operating, the number of swans on the Thames affected by lead weights was lower than in previous years. However, in 1987, with legislation prohibiting the sale and use of these weights, the level of swans poisoned has more than doubled in the Garrick flock.

## Danger money

From Professor M. D. Warren

Sir, Re Bernard Levin's account ("Adding lawsuit to injury", August 17) of the writs against a bank for compensation for injuries sustained by the culprit in the course of robbing the bank, would it be sufficient defence for banks in this country to print on each packet of bank notes: "These packets are dangerous. Do not remove from bank"?  
Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL WARREN,  
2 Bridge Down, Bridge,  
Canterbury, Kent.  
August 19.

A recent survey by Thames Water Authority shows that between 90 and 95 per cent of anglers are now using lead substitutes. More important, of 79 anglers interviewed at Garrick's Ait, all had switched to the alternatives. This refutes the statement by Mr Headley, of Swan Lifeline, that we are still using banned weights.

I have looked at various aspects that may have caused the dramatic increase in affected swans — increase in angling activities, bankside workings, flooding, etc. — and can find no logical reason other than the possibility of deliberate poisoning.

The number of pieces of lead weight found in some gizzards is well above the expected level. There is no other part of the Thames where the problem occurs at this level.

Your report states that cygnets have been found with nothing in their gizzards but lead shot. Unless these birds had access to nothing else but lead shot it is inconceivable that this is all they picked up. My views are shared by a local swan expert.  
Yours sincerely,  
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National Federation of Anglers,  
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August 18.

## Local anger at shipyard rebuff

From Councillor the Reverend Colin Anderson

Sir, In refusing (report, August 18) to accept the latest tender by Trafalgar House to build a range-mooring vessel and two powered mooring lighters at its Scott Lithgow yard, the Ministry of Defence is guilty of a serious injustice against the company, the community of Greenock and Port Glasgow and the public purse.

This work was earmarked for Scott Lithgow at the end of 1985.

## Enfield closure

From Mr Peter R. Brookman

Sir, Your report of the impending closure of the Royal Small Arms Factory Enfield (August 14) suggests the initials SMLE, relating to the rifle made there, stood for "short magazine Lee Enfield". When, in 1929, at the Public Secondary Schools Cadet Association camp on Marlborough Common, I was in the "C" A company, the instructors stated they stood for "short modified Lee Enfield". They claimed it was the rifle which had won the Great War and impressed upon us that it weighed 8lb 10½oz.

Both my parents came from Enfield Lock and their families were all concerned with the factory. My father was apprenticed in the tool room during the Boer War. His father was a blacksmith who forged the barrels. Both were highly skilled craftsmen — grandfather claimed that he forged true enough to render further straightening unnecessary.

Father profited by the skills he acquired to found this present company. A photograph hangs in our foyer showing one of the factory workshops, flag-bedded for a Boer War victory, with father amongst the company.  
Yours truly,  
PETER R. BROOKMAN,  
Managing Director,  
R. S. Brookman Ltd,  
Parkside Works,  
Rothley, Leicestershire,  
August 17.

## Vanishing pipes

From Mr Paul Pickerill  
Sir, Rare and antique pews are not the only items of historic interest that are disappearing from our churches (Mr R. D. Williams's letter, August 12).

I am aware of two churches in the Midlands, both containing old and well made three-manual pipe organs. So called "organ advisers" have suggested that the organs be sold or scrapped and electronic ones bought to replace them. At one church it is intended to keep the oak organ case as a large cupboard.

Oliver Cromwell did his best to wreck our musical heritage. It would appear that his disciples are still active.  
Yours faithfully,  
PAUL PICKERILL,  
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Solihull, West Midlands,  
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## Day flight

From Dr J. R. Speakman

Sir, The observations reported by Mr J. M. Phelps (August 11) of a bat flying in daylight are interesting but not uncommon. I have been conducting a survey of daylight flying in British bats since September, 1986, and I have received over 300 records from around the British Isles.

Although Mr Phelps attributes the behaviour to "a rise of fly", attributing a single cause to the multitude of records is impossible. Other reasons for daylight emergence of bats from their roosts include disturbance at the roost, overheating of the roost in strong sunlight, as well as hunger due to poor feeding during the previous night.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Fitting shoes

From Mr N. E. Wright

Sir, Whatever are our public figures coming to? Recently (early editions, August 13) you published a photograph of the Prime Minister wearing heeled shoes on a putting surface whilst caddying for her husband. Today's issue (August 18) shows the Duke of York wearing "trainers" with his kilt.

Where is this slackening of dress standards leading? Shall we see members of the Royal Family doing their "walkabout" in bed-room slippers and bishops in galsters and pilmosses?

Yours faithfully,  
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British Footwear Manufacturers Federation,  
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From Mr F. Roberts  
Sir, At two recent funerals I noticed the officiating ministers, one a rabbi the other a deaconess, both wore "trainers" barely concealed by the hem of their gowns.

Had they forgotten, I mused, that the race is not to the swift, or were they speeding the departed on the way to their respective destinations?  
Yours faithfully,  
F. ROBERTS,  
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Ilford, Essex,  
August 17.

In finally quoting £12.5 million the company has cut its tender to the bare cost price and it has offered to have its design and costs verified by independent scrutiny. What more could fairly be asked of the management and workforce?

Yet the ministry is going back on its word and refusing the bid; thus threatening the yard, which has always been acknowledged to be an excellent naval building facility, with closure and the loss of all the remaining 2,000 jobs, at a time when male unemployment has climbed already to 36 per cent in some parts of our district.

This decision is unwise, un-economic and unjust. It must be reversed.

Yours faithfully,  
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## ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 22 1959

Articles diverting the reader's attention from the hard news of the day had always been a feature of *The Times*. During the 1950s they were given a regular place and appeared with greater frequency.

## "GET OUT AND PUSH!"

UNCONVENTIONAL AVIATION IN THE NEW ZEALAND ALPS

From A Correspondent

"I'm sorry," said the pilot of the aircraft, "but you'll have to get out and push." The thought struck me that this was a somewhat novel instruction to a passenger, at an altitude of 8,000 ft., but I obeyed orders, opened the door and jumped out into the white fluffy nothingness below.

In fact we were on terra, though by no means firma. The aircraft was high on the Tasman Glacier, in the heart of the Southern Alps of New Zealand, and rather ridiculously bogged down in deep new powder snow, so loose and unconsolidated that even the specially fitted ski plane sank nearly waist deep.

We had been ski touring by what our friends assured us was the new, easy way. Independently of developments in the European Alps, the New Zealanders have evolved a highly successful technique of glacier landings in their own Alps. Little Austers fitted with locally made skis can put down almost anywhere on the snowfields surrounding Mount Cook (12,349ft.). New Zealand's tallest peak.

Flying in surpassed imagination. We made intimate acquaintance with the hair-raising precipices, blue-green icefalls, and knife-edged ridges of the splendid peaks among which Sir Edmund Hillary learned to climb before turning his attention to Everest.

Approaching the top of the 18-mile-long Tasman Glacier the pilot put the aircraft down for an uphill landing. It was like subsiding into a bottomless bowl of candy floss, so light, so incredibly smooth that there seemed no actual point of landing. We got out, and began to ski.

Sliding at a steady even pace down this glacier, with no obstacle in sight for at least 14 miles, proved an equally unlikely experience. We chatted, took photographs, ate a snack while gliding serenely along. At times it was hard to determine whether our skis were moving or whether the scenery was obligingly filing past for inspection.

Getting off the snow after we had rejoined the aircraft lower down the glacier was another matter. John Evans, the pilot, rocked the machine vigorously back and forth a few times to free its skis from the frozen surface, and we were ploughing downhill with great plumes of snow streaming out behind. Normally the aircraft quickly lifts into the air, but this time the snow was too deep for it to gain enough speed...

Since the combined family weight was too much to lift off the snow, the obvious answer seemed to be to fly us out one at a time, but the pilot was distinctly reluctant to let me make the gallant gesture of remaining behind. He agreed only after another fruitless run and with many assurances of a rapid return. The little aircraft leaped from the snow when relieved of my weight with a joyous ease which was somewhat galling.

It later transpired that glacier flying has produced a new neurosis. Once or twice before, when circumstances made it necessary to leave a passenger behind, the intensity of the silence, the immensity of the landscape, and the overwhelming presence of the mighty peaks proved so unnerving that the marooned passengers were in a state of jittery when picked up. One had to be pried with half a bottle of whisky before feeling "normal" again.

With me, perversely enough, the effect was the reverse. So great was the peace and so remote were the problems of the world in those huge snow-fields that the returning aircraft seemed a noisy intrusion...



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## Bomber pilot and Pathfinder

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## SATURDAY

A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE  
ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

## In the beginning, there was Bilbo

As followers of J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasies prepare to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first appearance of Middle-earth, Catherine Bennett explores the hobbits of a lifetime

While the sun shone last week, and most people sat outside in it, a party of five men and four women huddled in a little front room in Battersea, darkened by drawn blinds and overcrowding, and discussed the economy and sociology of The Shire.

"Whose head was on the pennies?" demanded a woman in a straw hat, green gym shoes and green socks. "We know they had mantelpiece clocks, which means they had spring steel," said one of three men dressed for the occasion in a collar and tie. "We know they had a good legal system," said another, pointing out that Shire wills required seven signatories. But what happened if there weren't seven? That was a very important question.

The Shire, of course, does not exist. Like Mordor, Gondor, the Misty Mountains and other dimly-familiar place names, it came out of the head of J.R.R. Tolkien, the English don who devoted his life to the creation of a make-believe world called Middle-earth, complete with maps delineating its often inhospitable terrain, an intricate mythology, several languages, and a multitude of different races, each of precisely defined habitat and pedigree.

Professor Tolkien's four major works of fiction were all set in Middle-earth: three of them became the object of cult worship as *The Lord of the Rings*, the first, entitled *The Hobbit*, or *There and Back Again*, is now established as a children's classic. It will be 50 years old next month.

From its small beginnings, with a print run of publishers recall only as "modest", *The Hobbit* has not merely become standard children's reading: it has sold more than eight million copies and has spawned a massive escapism industry in books, board and computer games.

The Battersea party, all of them members of the Tolkien Society's senior "Smial" (a sub-group of fans, named after the Hobbit word for a burrow), have been celebrating this anniversary for some time. Jessica Yates, in the Hobbit-green socks, and a society member for 15 years, had already organized a workshop in which members hailed Tolkien as the founder of modern fantasy writing. "Before Tolkien, most children's

books were about fairies," she said — but Tolkien had created "a whole different world". Tolkien Society members appear disappointed by the real world, more at ease among elves and talking eagles, and the other inhabitants of a genre of fiction called *Sword and Sorcery*, which has its origins in Tolkien.

At the annual gathering of the Tolkien Society in Oxford, the "Oxonmoot", when members stand in trembling homage before Tolkien's grave, and dress up as his characters, Jonathan becomes a Dwarfish Lord — "It's just a plain tabard with a hammer and an anvil, the people who go overboard on costume are the Swedes." Lester, lately a Ceremonial Elf, resented the term "dressing up". "That is to denigrate the idea, which is to present a Middle-earth character in costume."

"This afternoon is a chance to meet people who have some similar interests; it's a social thing as much as anything else," said Christina Scull, the owner of the front room, who had prepared pizza and a slide show for her friends. Although they are much exercised by the question of whether an orc has a soul, or the possibility of inter-breeding between men and elves, the members were just as eager to discuss sources of trousers in Hobbit green (Clothinks), and the accommodation arrangements at Oxonmoot. "What room parties we're going to have!" exclaimed Jessica.

Tolkien spoke of his more fanciful following as "my deplorable cultus" but in its jumble of drink, discussion and friendship, the London annual meeting recalled his own taste for high minded dubiousness. As a grammar school boy at King Edward's in Birmingham, he was a founder of two amalgamated clubs, the TCBS, in which he edited his friends with readings from *Beowulf* and Middle English literature.

In his first academic post at Leeds University, he started the Viking Club, whose members drank a lot of beer, and recited Norse sagas. Later, as Professor of Anglo Saxon at Oxford, he formed the Coalbiters, a group of dons who enjoyed whisky and Icelandic sagas in the original. When the sagas had all been read, he joined the Inklings,



Pipe dreams: but suggestions that he smoked anything stronger than tobacco would have the professor 'fizzing with fury'

the group which gathered about C.S. Lewis to read aloud from their manuscripts and talk about God.

It was at Inklings meetings in the early Thirties that Tolkien first began to air parts of *The Hobbit*, the story of a prosaic, comfort-loving creature coerced into a quest for Dragon's gold, which he had first devised as bedtime entertainment for his children. The landscape of *The Hobbit*, and the tribes and terrors beyond Bilbo Baggins's untrodden Shire, were drawn from the *Silmarillion*, the invented mythology of Middle-earth, which he began after the First World War, as a background for his made-up languages.

His complex runes and myths lent a sense of depth and importance to a simple story, whose prose style often strayed into the nannish. Amid the slaying of giant spiders and the encounters with man-eating trolls, there are still babywords like "misrable", cosy asides — "just imagine his fright", and 1930s slang — "Certainly Bilbo was in what is called a tight place".

The story appealed to the Inklings, but it was left unfinished, until a chance meeting with a publisher from Allen and Unwin, Susan Dagnall. In 1936 she asked Tolkien to complete the work, which was passed to Stanley Unwin's 10-

year-old son, Rayner, for a reader's report. "This book, with the help of maps, does not need any illustrations. It is good, and should appeal to all children between the ages of five and nine," Rayner concluded, thereby earning a shilling, and unleashing fantasy from its confines in comics and science fiction.

After favourable reviews, including two fulsome tributes by C.S. Lewis, sales of *The Hobbit* were at first encouraging rather than extraordinary. Under pressure for a sequel from his publishers, Tolkien returned to the obscurity of his Oxford study, where he finally devised *The Lord of the Rings*, which would take the

children's story on into a world of dark, heroic romance — so dark that he worried it might be "quite unsuitable".

It was only after the trilogy was published, 12 years later, and began to attract a cult following, that readers looked for further tales of battling Hobbits, and discovered Bilbo, quietly opening the saga in Bag End. In 1961, Kay Webb, doyenne of children's publishing, brought *The Hobbit* out as a Puffin paperback. "It seemed to me to satisfy everything in children's imagination," she says. "Children like journeys, and they like them to be mystical and a bit removed from themselves. It had this quest

aspect to it that children always like, and a combination of fantasy and humour." Within a year, *The Hobbit* sold out its 30,000 imprint.

At the same time, Alan Garner, the children's author, found his first novel compared to Tolkien and began, irritably, to read the work meant to have inspired him. "I can't stand it," he says now. "I think it's dreadful. I think it's phoney, and I think it's escapism in the worst sense. It's the result of a man running away from life." A few years later he was unimpressed when a man arrived on his doorstep, announcing "I've just travelled 3,000 miles to meet the second greatest writer of fantasy."

His visitor was the founder of the Tolkien Society in America, where a publishing battle between an authorized and unauthorized paperback of *The Lord of the Rings* had created enough publicity to turn Tolkien into a campus cult. Students at the University of California named their dorms after areas of Middle-earth; other fans daubed New York subways with runic slogans and the legends "Bilbo is God", "Gandalf for President", and wore badges inscribed "Frodo Lives".

Felix Dennis, then one of the editors of *Oz*, considers that the hobbit's taste for "pipe weed" has a lot to answer for. "You've got this bunch of quiet people who live on the land and want to be left alone in peace and harmony smoking pipe weed all day — you couldn't have a better description of what we were like."

Tolkien was enraged by letters suggesting that he must have written the books under the influence of drugs. "He would fizzle with fury," recalls Joy Hill, his assistant at the time, "because to him drugs were abhorrent. He would be hard pressed to take an aspirin." In the years before Tolkien's death in 1973, the letters — many adorned with seed heads or weighted with samples of earth — arrived in their thousands as Tolkien fever spread to British universities.

To the fury of his fans, academic respect has yet to be accorded to Tolkien in Britain. Anne Barton, Regius Professor of English at Cambridge, has no wish to see him studied in universities, although she considers *The Hobbit* "an absolutely enchanting children's book. About *The Lord of the Rings* I have very much divided feelings, because that is where Tolkien began to philosophize and set out what I think are often rather grandiose and misconceived views of life... What makes me nervous about Tolkien is that there is a kind of soft underbelly to it, that is essentially escapist."

To English literature students, indeed to readers of much mass-market fiction, the world of fantasy literature and

its associated role-playing games is an incomprehensible irrelevance. To role-playing Tolkien Society members, to W.H. Smith, and millions of fantasy fans, it is a compulsive, absorbing reality; a leisure industry to rival angling. "It all goes back to Tolkien," says Steve Jackson, who has become a millionaire from writing a series called *Fighting Fantasy*, in which the readers become the hero, living in a world which takes many of its monstrous inhabitants directly from Middle-earth.

Fantasy writers began to polish up the quality of their mythology immediately after Tolkien became a best selling author. Then in the early Seventies, the makers of war games introduced Middle-earth personnel into the hazards facing medieval armies.

In 1974, Dungeons and Dragons, the first role-playing fantasy game, incorporated hobbits, renamed "halflings", and other obviously Tolkien creations into its rule books.

Dr John Nicholson, a psychiatrist, considers it entirely natural that an adult should identify with a wizard. "It's a very human thing, and it's extremely useful, pretence generally... There is a therapeutic side to it — you feel better for seeing other worlds than yours where people have worse problems."

Tolkien may have been dismayed by his therapeutic attraction for escapists adults, but his biographer, Humphrey Carpenter, quotes the author's determination to create a convincing secondary world: "I wanted people simply to get inside this story and take it... as actual history." In his passion for verisimilitude, he neglected his academic talents to ponder the phases of the moon, and wind direction during crucial events in *The Lord of the Rings*. Among his colleagues in Oxford, his fervour for make-believe inspired feelings ranging from discomfort to condemnation. But it would have made Tolkien very popular in Battersea.

Last week's meeting culminated in the slide show of the US celebrations of the 50th anniversary of *The Hobbit*. Squeezed together in the darkness, the small members scrutinized Americans in Tolkien apparel; approving the cloaks but regretting the training shoes. They inspected slides of American Middle-earth illustrations. "I take exception to those parsons," said Jonathan, indicating some mounted creatures engaged in battle. "They are not suited to horse fighting." Tolkien had said so: it must be true.

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September 1937: *The Hobbit* is published in Britain. Reviewing it in *The Times*, Tolkien's friend C.S. Lewis writes: "All who love that kind of children's book which can be read and revised by adults should take note that a new star has appeared in this constellation." It is reprinted before the end of the year.

J.R.R. Tolkien writes to Allen and Unwin: "I have written the first chapter of a new story about Hobbits — 'A long-expected party.' This is the beginning of *The Lord of the Rings*."

1938: *The Hobbit* is published in America. In time it will be translated into 25 languages, including Icelandic, Indonesian and Serbo-Croat.

1954-55: *The Lord of the Rings* is published in three parts. Tolkien tells a friend: "I have exposed my heart to be shot at." C.S. Lewis writes in *Time and Tide*:

"This book is like lightning from a clear sky. To say that in its heroic romance, gorgeous, eloquent, and unashamed, has suddenly returned at a period almost pathological in its anti-romanticism, is inadequate."

1957: The Science Fiction Luncheon Club presents Tolkien with an award, a rocket with a cigarette lighter at its base; but he says his work is "not science fiction but fantasy".

1965: Ace Books produce an unauthorized paperback of *The Lord of the Rings* in America, shortly followed by the authorized Ballantine edition, containing a message from Tolkien: "Those who

approve of courtesy (at least) to living authors will purchase it and no other." The book becomes a best-seller, and fan clubs are formed. They hold "Hobbit picnics" at which cider and mushrooms are consumed.

1969: *Bored of the Rings*, a parody of Tolkien's trilogy is published in America by the *Harvard Lampoon*. For Tom Bombadil's "Hey dilly Merry dilly! Ring a dolly!" it has

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Tim Benzedrino singing: "Take a-lid! Smoke-a-lid! Pop the mescalito! Stash-the-hashi! Gonna crash! Make mine methadone!"

1969: Founding of the British Tolkien Society by a civil servant calling herself Belladonna Took.

1972: The cult thrives. Romy Music support Genesis at a club called "The Hobbit's Garden" in Wimbledon.

1973: Tolkien dies aged 81.

1977: Publication of *Silmarillion*, edited by Christopher Tolkien, a former English don, who has collated his father's assorted writings into a five-volume series, *The History of Middle-earth*.

1978: Cartoon film of *The Lord of the Rings* with animation by Ralph Bakshi distresses Tolkien fans.

August 1987: Tolkien Enterprises, of California, which licenses products associated with *The Lord of the Rings*, enjoys the patronage of a loyal Tolkien market. "I think people find really down home values in Tolkien," says its spokeswoman, Laurie Battle.

She envisages products along the lines of *The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady* — "like eleven cloaks, you know, like an elf might have worn, letter openers shaped like Bilbo's sword, I think that's the direction the merchandising should go in."

In Britain, the Tolkien Society plans centenary celebrations of Tolkien's birth in 1892. Fans in search of relics have reduced Tolkien's gatepost to a stump.

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TRAVEL 1

TRAVEL NEWS

Rock 'n' rollers

If the media's voyage round Elvis has not satisfied every possible yearning for another earful of the Presley sound, there is always the Elvis Presley Caribbean Cruise to look forward to. Berths on the nine-night cruise, which calls at the Grenadines, Martinique, St. Thomas, St. Maarten and San Juan, start at £819, inclusive of flights to Miami. The ship is P & O's Sun Princess. Princess Voyages (01-831 1881).

Holiday break

To him that hath... book any winter sun holiday costing more than £175, or ski package at more than £200, through a Horizon Travel Centre, and qualify for a weekend break at a Crest Hotel. The offer, which closes on August 30, is for two consecutive nights in one of 32 selected Crest hotels. It could be worth up to £112 per couple. Phone 01-493 7446 for details.

Colorado's skiing is some of the finest in the world. Intasun is packaging Aspen and Vail, two of its best resorts, using Continental Airlines' flights to Denver. Two-week holidays from £299 per person for two sharing, inclusive of bed and breakfast. Six-day lift passes from £104. Telephone 01-851 3321.

Cold comfort

Recognising that holidaymakers' winter sun needs differ - one sunseeker real heat, while another wants only to escape shivering - Meon (0730 68411) has divided its winter programme into gentle

winter sun (summer destinations with a good winter climate) and hotter winter sun (the Caribbean and the Canary Islands). Staffed villas on St. Lucia with their own pools cost from £791 each for parties of four for two weeks. Gentle winter sun comes at gentler prices - from £163 for a week in Malta including flight and car hire.

Sloping off

Get the edge on the competition and ski in early December on the Swiss Ski School Federation's annual ski courses at Saas Fee. There are departures on December 5 and 12. If the price of £479 a week seems high for helping the Swiss ski schools to brush up their instructors' technique, take comfort. It includes half-board in a four-star hotel, a six-day lift pass, six full days tuition, flights and transfers. Swiss Travel Service 0920 61221.

Valet parking at Heathrow is the latest piece of airline persuasion. Pan Am offers the service to first and business-class passengers on transatlantic flights. Ask for Fast Lane when reserving a seat and enjoy up to seven days free security controlled parking. Details from 0753 685002.

Do-it-yourself

Travellers who cannot resist the produce in Venetian markets will soon find it easier to book a hot stove on which to cook the baby sole of the Adriatic. In response to "overwhelming" demand for its self-catering holidays in Venice, The Magic of Italy (01-743 9900) has found some one-bedroom apartments near St. Mark's Square. Available from mid-September at £319 for two sharing, including flights and transfers.

From Cape Cod to the Appalachians, Michael Watkins enjoys the peace of New England

An intriguing sub-species of *Homo sapiens* is located on Martha's Vineyard, seven miles off the coast of Cape Cod. Here they live - or, rather, settle for a month or two on their migratory passage between Gstaad and Round Hill - enclosed within the purdah of wealth. Their names do not appear in the telephone directory; neither are their nests visible to public gaze, being screened by many acres.

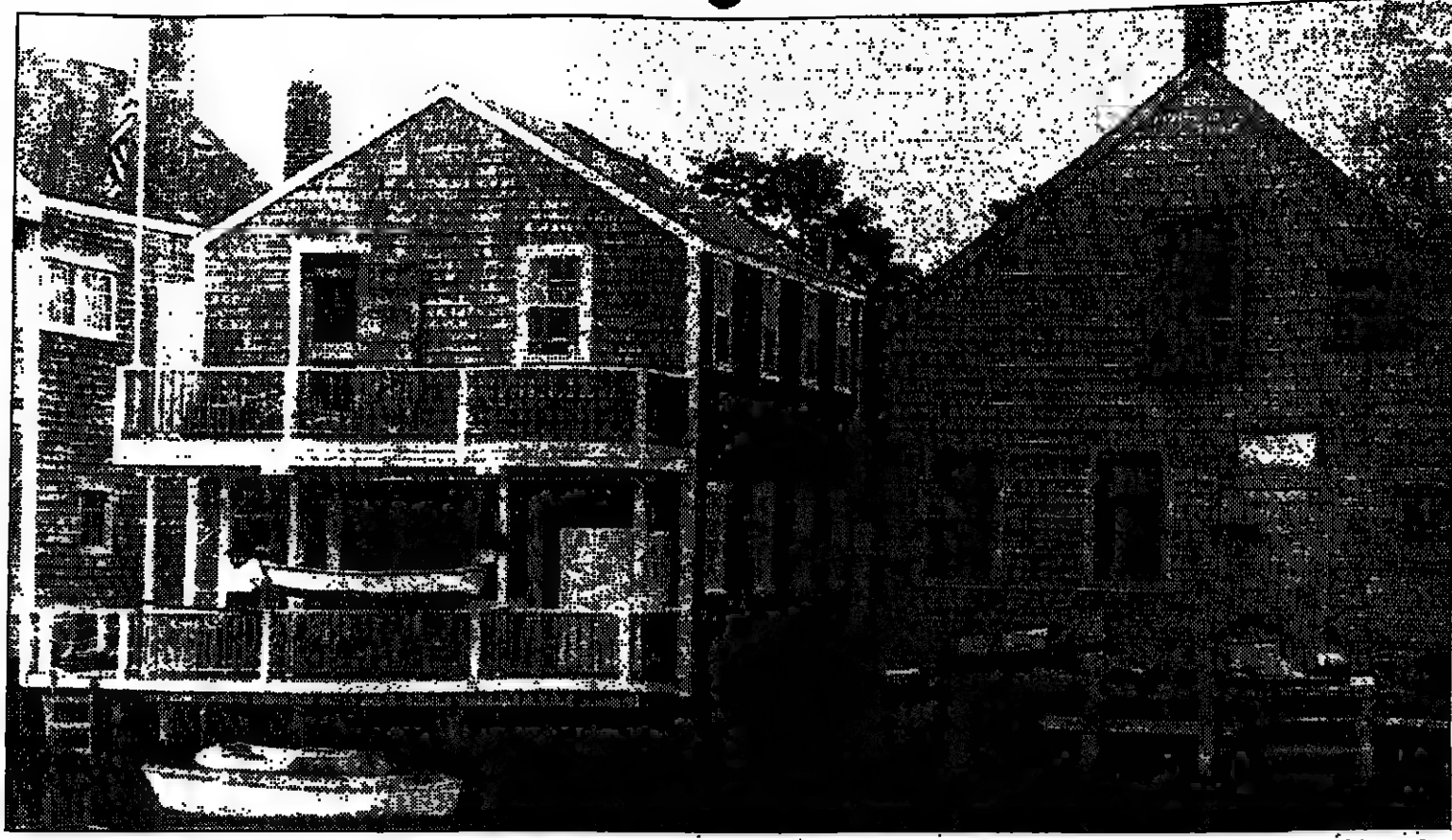
The ferry ride from Edgartown to Chappaquiddick takes an hour, but there's not much to note when you get there. Just privacy. Edgartown is a stunner, the county seat since 1642, proud of its Greek revival architecture - bequeathed by whaling captains of the 19th century and maintained with quiet passion. Old Whaling Church, with its six massive columns, commands Main Street, while in South Street stands the house built by Captain Valentine Pease, master of the ship in which Herman Melville made his only voyage.

Oak Bluffs is where the Methodists met, erecting their gingerbread houses, each one more fantastic and ornate than its neighbour. Gay Head, on the road past Beeblebung and Squibnocket Pond, is for beaches and views, while West Tisbury has Alley's Stores (Est. 1858 - "Dealers in Almost Anything"). I thought I'd put them to the test. "I'd like one banana and two guiter picks," I said.

"One banana coming up," the assistant replied. "Would you be wanting thick or thin picks?"

If anything, Nantucket, 21 miles from the mainland, is more exclusive, yet this exclusivity has a subtle, less-stated flavour. It is that as a broadboard and contains the most distinguished shrines in New England. Main Street is cobbled and patrician, studded with "English" houses and those of Federal style; shingled, clap-boarded or built of brick. The island has escaped the two most offensive disfigurements of American cities: traffic-lights and neon signs.

Scenically, Martha's Vineyard is more engaging; it has trees, it undulates, soaring dramatically to



Old glories: once, the whaling ships of Nantucket made the port famous. Now, the harbour-front houses and warehouses gaze over the rich at play

cliffs, where Nantucket expires at about the altitude of Clapham Common. Yet for all its movie-star good looks, there is a blandness about the Vineyard. The Nantucketer is more sinewy.

Between 1740 and 1840 they converted the watery world of Orange Street was the home of 125 whaling captains. California's Gold Rush and the Civil War claimed many able-bodied seamen, while refinement of petroleum finally did for the whale-oil industry, leaving Nantucket beached and weirdly haunted by melancholy.

Returning to the mainland was like journeying through the Vale of Plathia. If you draw a line from Hyannis on Cape Cod to Newport, Rhode Island, it represents a sort of Treacle Belt. Everything is quaint, including the shops - which of course have become shoppes. All is tinsel, shiny motels, shiny restaurants and shiny people who smile shinningly as they have-a-nice-day you. A Nantucketer would rather die than wish you a nice day.

There are pockets of resistance; you find them the further east you go, beyond the elbow and into the wrist of Cape Cod towards Provincetown. It was mid-October

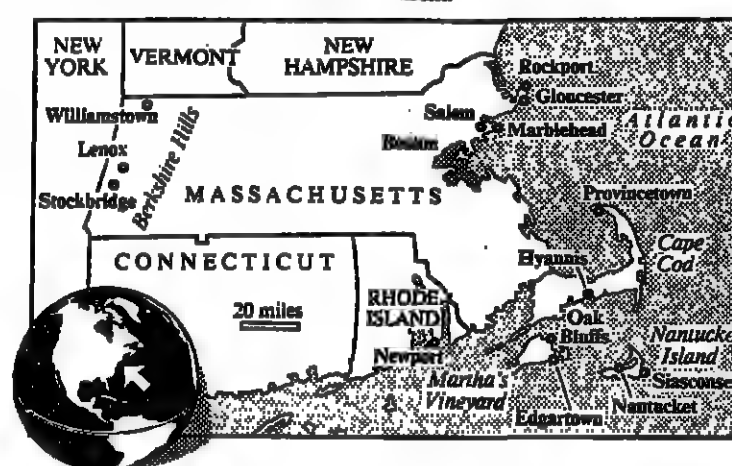
by the time I reached the Berkshires, wedged between Connecticut, New York State and Vermont; and the autumn colours were at their sublime best. The paint and dye manufacturers simply haven't got round to matching the golds and russets of the Appalachian Trail birch trees.

What I like most about this chunk of Massachusetts - which I'll define as Williamstown, south to Lenox, Tanglewood, Stockbridge, Housatonic - is that it is relatively unselfconscious. Relative to what?

I paused to look at the marina in Marblehead. There were boats of every shape and size, yachts slim as pencils, two-storied Martini-palazzos, floating boudoirs, not a wreck among them. Brasswork gleamed, varnish glowed. Envy must have been etched into my profile, for as I stood there a jogging girl stopped to share my gaze. For unspoken moments we shared the deepest communion; and when she continued on her way it was like a queer loss. But I treasure her two sweet words: "Neat, huh?"

California, if you insist. In Los Angeles you establish meaningful relationships, whereas in Williamstown, you get to know each other.

Towards the end of October I scooted north of Boston, to Marblehead, Salem, Gloucester, Rockport, Pigeon Cove, where they were putting on the wraps until next summer. Winters in New England are lengthy and coldish, whatever they tell you. They are also fresh and clear, toning up the complexion a treat.



TRAVEL NOTES

I flew London to Boston on British Airways (01-857 4000). Apex return £428, first class £2,562. My hired car was from National Car Rental. In Boston I stayed at the incomparable Ritz-Carlton, 15 Arlington Street (double room rates: \$165-\$225), and can recommend Harbour House in Nantucket; The Chateaux Inn, Edgartown; Martha's Vineyard; Daniel Webster Inn, Sandwich; Cape Cod; Birchwood Inn, Lenox and The Orchards, Williamstown. \$90 to \$140 a night for a double room. Information from: Mathieu Thomas Ltd, 6 Westminster Palace Gardens, Arbury Row, London SW1P 1RL (01-222 0833).

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## TRAVEL 2



Having a lovely time: smooth sands and a calm sea at St Cast, one of the beach resorts for which Brittany is justly famous

The rain was hammering on the car roof as we drew up outside our hotel. The gale-force wind had driven a departing coach party back inside. Rows of whitewashed houses stretched back up the hills, cold and forbidding in the gloom.

The superstitious part of me was tempted to see some form of divine retribution in that awful storm. Admittedly I was rather obsessed by divine retribution at the time, having read the chilling tale of "Le Roi Gradlon", which happened to be the name of our hotel.

King Gradlon came from Ireland in the 5th century and settled in the city of Ys in the Baie des Trépassés. His disolute daughter, Dahut, had the bad luck to be seduced by the Devil. Predictably, he ratted on her, first charming her into handing over the keys to the sluices which kept the sea from the city and then abandoning her to the flood. She fled to Gradlon who, hearing a voice from heaven, cast her back into the waves.

Compared with Dahut, we were laughing, such is the cheering power of legend. And Brittany abounds in legends. It is a funny place, and the Bretons are a funny lot — a bit like Wales and the Welsh, a strange mixture of sunshine and storms, friendliness and hostility, common sense and madness.

Breton shopkeepers seemed dour and withdrawn in comparison with their Mediterranean counterparts. The markets lacked colour and drama, and the countryside, though pleasant, was unspectacular.

## A seaside tale of farm folk

John Carey reports on Brittany, where dour facades hide a friendly smile

It does not take long, however, to discover that there is another side to Brittany. There is quirkiness in the architecture and subtlety in the landscape, and there is humour, hospitality and a gentle friendliness in the people. Once glimpsed, these things are hard to resist, which is why we found ourselves in Brittany for the second year running. We wanted the usual trappings of a family holiday — sea and sand and a little bit of luxury — but we were keen too to find out more about the people. So we settled on a week in a seaside hotel and another in a cottage on a working farm about 15 miles inland.

After the stormy shock of our introduction, Audierne and Le Roi Gradlon did us proud. Our room was more like a flatlet — spacious, with two sleeping areas and a big bathroom — the food was magnificent and the hotel staff were helpful, friendly and marvellous with the children.

We explored the neighbouring countryside:

Pont Croix, a couple of miles away, with its cobbled streets and medieval church of Notre Dame due Roscodon, which has lovely stained glass; Pont-l'Abbé, capital of the Bigouden country in southwest Cornouaille, which felt so old-fashioned that the old lady in the tall white pillar hat seemed totally in keeping with the place, rather than a self-conscious reminder of fading traditions. The Pointe du Raz and the Baie des Trépassés, graveyard to more than just

the hapless Dahut, were devoid of menace the day we went. Blue waters lapped against the lethal rocks.

We left Audierne reluctantly and headed east to our farm cottage on the outskirts of La Vraie Croix, a village in the department of Morbihan.

Here there was no sea on the doorstep, or waitresses at our table, but in their place we found what we had hoped for: an insight into a different world.

The farm was a proper family concern, home to Bernard and Marie-Thérèse Noël, their 10-year-old twins, Dominique and Jean Michel, and Marie-Thérèse's parents, René and Genevieve. They spoke almost no English and my French is rudimentary, but it did not matter.

They were welcoming without being effusive, friendly but not intrusive, and round the farm by day and over countless crepes and home-made cider in the evenings, they gently initiated us into their way of life.



### TRAVEL NOTES

A six-night package holiday, with half-board, at Le Roi Gradlon hotel in Audierne costs from £795.60 for a family of five (two adults, two children and a baby). Contact the organizers, Vacances, 28 Gold Street, Stratton Walden, Essex (0789 25101). The gite we stayed in at La Vraie Croix was one of those offered by Brittany Ferries. The Brittany Centre, Wharf Road, Portsmouth PO2 8RU (0705 827701). A week there costs from £242. Both prices include the cost of ferries from Portsmouth to St Malo.

## IN THE GARDEN

# Let there be light

Francesca Greenoak has some bright ideas on outdoor illumination as the days begin to grow shorter

Clare Roberts



ting) either individually or in sequence.

These lights run directly from the mains which, if you intend keeping them on regularly for long periods will take as much electricity as a large room. This kind of bright light (which is yellowish and slightly harsh) will emphatically illuminate a mature tree or shrub, or light a party or cooking area outside.

I regard coloured lighting in gardens as nauseating, except at Christmas time. For me, the ideal is a garden silvery and shadowy under the moon and I prefer artificial lighting which comes nearest to this. One of the best innovations this year is a lights set which is decorative and reasonably priced. The Hozelock 21 watt HI-Lights are housed in tube fittings with a spike base.

Simple and utilitarian, they can be discreetly placed to shed an all-round subtle diffused white light which is beautiful inside foliage.

Each set (two or four lamps) comes with a transformer and nearly 42 feet of low voltage cable. The system will happily take double the length without a voltage drop. Another advantage is that all of the system, except the wall plug, comes in one package.

The manufacturer's estimate of half an hour for assembly is, however, on the optimistic side. I found the Easi Fix connectors simple in principle, fiddly in practice — especially if you are fighting to make the connection crouched in a flowerbed with holly pricking through your clothing. There is also a knack to holding two cables in place while you secure the holding screws with elusive non-captive nuts.

Once up, the system is easy to check and maintain. The light is not glaring but bright enough to illuminate paths and steps from several feet away through a dapple of foliage. The low-voltage electricity is safe and cheap. Four lamps are as cheap to run as one 100 watt bulb and the system can easily be plugged into a time-switch to go on at regular hours.

Hozelock four-lamp HI-Light set with 72A transformer retails at about £59.95; the two-lamp set with 36A transformer, £34.95, from larger garden centres and DIY stores. Spot lighting available from Lotus suppliers at larger garden centres. Garden spike unit, about £30.39; wall bracket, £23.51; Highlight clamp-on tree light, £25.62.

### WEEKEND TIPS

● Harvest second early potatoes if you haven't already done so and replace the beds with winter crops or green manure.

● Summer prune espalier, cord on and fan-trained apples and pears.

● Keep a watchful eye for powdery mildew — Michaelmas daisies are commonly affected, but other herbaceous plants also suffer. Pick out infected leaves at once, dispose of them and increase air circulation if possible.

● Twist off the Russian-dome swellings from onions which want to bolt.

● Short-cut the review of the brassicas by concentrating on leaves with holes and/or caterpillar droppings on them.

### GARDENS TO VISIT

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**TOMORROW**  
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Oxfordshire: Oxford College Gardens, entrance through Memorial Gardens off St Aldgate, one charge admits to both; Christ Church, The Masters' Garden, interesting

trees; Merton College, lime avenue, other trees, long herbaceous border; 2-5pm.

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**THURSDAY**  
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**BY APPOINTMENT**  
Gwent: The Chain Garden, Chapel Road, 1 mile north of Aberavenny; off A40 on Brecon side of town into Chapel Road; 2 acres, stream, flowering shrubs, rock garden; until Sept 30 (Tel: Aberavenny 3625).

Roy Hay

P = Plants for Sale

### GARDEN NEWS

Prepared hyacinths from Holland are now coming into the shops and should give a consistently better standard this year, as a result of the Dutch Bulb Exporters' Association ruling against prematurely imported bulbs, released before they received the proper degree of heat treatment for Christmas flowering.

Buy bulbs as soon as they appear in the shops. Trim off any old roots and plant them firmly in pots or bowls on a moist layer of John Innes No 2 (or a peat-based compost). Groups of bulbs can be planted just touching each other and packed around with compost so that only the necks show. The containers should be placed outside in a cool position — a cold-frame if possible — and covered with an additional three to four inches of sand. If they are kept out in the open, prevent waterlogging by covering with polythene (punctured slightly) or old carpet. The compost should always be moist but not boggy.

Prepared bulbs should have made good root systems by mid-November when they may be brought inside. Moved one container at a time, they will give successional flowering if brought into a temperature of about 64 deg F (18 deg C) when the shoots are about four inches high and the flower buds just visible.

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## THE ARTS

Legends  
linger on

"Nowadays," objected David Lean, "the people who put the money into movies don't like movies." This was the acutest observation to emerge from the Golden Gong (BBC1), a semi-centennial tribute to the Rank Organization which bobbed along on a sluggish tide of petty information.

Dirk Bogarde were boiled bristles for *A Tale of Two Cities*; Dinah Sheridan's hand froze to the bumper of *Gen-*

## TELEVISION

eriere; the celebrated gong that introduced Rank films was in fact a wood-and-plaster dummy. And so on.

The programme began and ended with unashamed plugs for the feature film *The Fourth Protocol*, whose star Michael Caine was once fired by the Methodist flour-fancier J. Arthur Rank for smoking in the lavatory.

The problem may well be that — to expand Sir David's opening remark — films nowadays are made for a target audience hovering somewhere around the age of consent. Such trifles as story and character are nothing beside the imperative of product-promotion (as witness the outrageous plug for Heineken beer in David Lynch's *Blue Velvet*).

Those of us who are fed up with being dragged kicking and screaming to the cinema by our teenage children have only television to fall back on; we provide ready grist for the nostalgia-mill. What we actually get for our attention is a succession of bland endorsements of the values of traditional showbiz PR.

*Hollywood Legends* (Channel 4), starring Natalie Wood, did the rounds of the usual constituency of ageing faces, and their determination not to speak ill of the dead seemed to be laying up good karma against their own demise. Perhaps there is little or nothing ill to be said of Wood, an able and lively actress.

But there is something inescapably valedictorian about this fodder: the best movies (as Peter Bogdanovich once said) have already been made, and all that remains is a sort of glossy scrapbook for home consumption.

Martin Cropper

After 20 years of stage set creation, René Allio turned his attention to film-making in the Sixties. But next week, as Diane Hill reports, his theatrical talents will be on display again in London

## Designer with a label

René Allio's sprawling, Bohemian Paris flat — within earshot of the animated Les Halles district, at the top of a building where the fissures of time have added a fourth dimension to the trompe l'oeil marbled walls — offers few clues as to the exact nature of this megalomaniac 63-year-old's creative forte. There is a theatrical air about the comfortably worn, Chekhovian-style furnishings. But there is little evidence of the memorabilia one would expect to find in the home-cum-workplace of a man who, for nearly 40 years, has been among Europe's top stage designers, and since the mid-Sixties has shown himself to be a film-maker of note.

The preliminary workings of his design for *Infidelities*, William Gaskill's new adaptation of the Marivaux classic, *La Double Inconstance*, which opens at the Lyric, Hammersmith, on August 26, have already been relegated to the regiments of box files which fill the ordered chaos of his workshop. "Theatre speaks through the emotions. There is nothing so sad as dusty models of stage-sets. Sketches and photographs of my décors I file, then never look at again," he says. "Throughout my life I have always believed that my best work is before me."

Born in Marseilles, he was a gifted artist from the start, and as a very young man began designing sets for local companies. Little more than an amusing *divertissement*, his ideas came quickly and without effort. In 1949, one of the troupes won a competition that took it to Paris. Allio went too. The following year he was renting a *chambre de bonne* at La Madeleine and had been accepted into the throbbing heart of Paris's avant-garde theatre movement, designing for all of the now legendary directors and playwrights of his generation.

When, in 1957, Jean Vilar asked André Reybez to direct Ibsen's *Peer Gynt*, Allio was Reybez's immediate choice as designer. This opportunity to work within the aura of Vilar left a marked impression. "Vilar was the theatre's Club Méditerranée, in that he brought what was once inaccessible within the reach of the ordinary person. Vilar was also someone who set his lows very high."

Allio's work with the Russian surrealist playwright Arthur Adamov introduced him to the brilliant Brechtian disciple, Roger Planchon. "There was an immediate complicity between us, and he invited me to join his company at Lyons."

Among the many memorable theatrical events of this prolifically

creative period was Planchon's remarkable new interpretation of Molière's *Le Tartuffe* (1962). The set for the opening tableau occupied only a fraction of the acting area. This décor was then absorbed into the following dramatic tableau, and so on, until the design filled the whole stage, thus extending the work's notion of time and space. Allio says: "The décor must be seen as an integral part of the direction, an extension of the dramatic action. I am a narrator."

His numerous foreign assignments at this time included William Gaskill's 1962 production of *Cymbeline* at Stratford. The following year, Gaskill invited Allio back to London to design the NT's outstanding production of Farquhar's *The Recruiting Officer*.

In 1965 Allio made the first of his 11 full-length films, *La Vieille Dame Indigne*, after the book by Brecht. "Film-making took the place of painting," he explains. The scenarios are always his own, and he often writes the script as well. He likes to use unknown actors, who rarely stay that way. Jean-Pierre Vincent (recently voted France's director of the year) and Maurice Benichou (known in the UK through his work with Peter Brook) are just two of his cinema "protégés".

His film work served to completely estrange him from the theatre. By the late Sixties he had been clearly labelled "film-maker". His only theatrical connection was the re-designing of a number of theatres, including the transformation of the old Théâtre Sarah Bernhardt into the Théâtre de la Ville, now one of the capital's most comfortable and technically perfect venues.

Fortunately, the operatic world did not fall under the spell of this creative cataloguing and has never ceased to call upon his design talents. At the tail end of the weighty list of the operas he has worked on are Charpentier's  *Louise* for London's National Opera (1983), and Wagner's *Tannhäuser* at the Cologne Opera House (season 1986-87).

It was at a London retrospective of his films that Allio met up again with Gaskill. When Allio asked why he had not been in touch with him, the inevitable reply was: "Because you're a film-maker now." The invitation to design *Infidelities* soon followed. Allio will not, however, be at the first night; he will be on location, shooting his latest film, *Le Médecin des lumières*. "But I miss the theatre," he says, with the conviction of a man who knows that his best work is still to come.



Together again: William Gaskill, left, and René Allio in Hammersmith

## Sure instinct

PROMENADE  
CONCERT

COE/Abbado  
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Despite the constant threat of erosion as their young players are wooed by the big European orchestras, the Chamber Orchestra of Europe, six years on, is still very much in one piece. It was good to welcome it back to the Proms.

The orchestra brought with it a baller without dances but with three singers: Stravinsky's *Pulcinella*. This, of course, is the very apotheosis of pastiche: the Chamber Orchestra unmasking Pergolesi unmasking numerous more obscure Italian masters. And the poignant ironies — Stravinsky's score set up in 1919 are now compounded with a further level of recession: we view his mask for what it is, now a blue Picasso clown, now a harlequin, now an Apollo.

It was the COE's skill to judge exactly the distance, the

tone of voice. Claudio Abbado whisked the curtain up with a gutty, immediate string sound, winged soloists peering out, as ready for elegy as for practical joking. Philip Langridge and Lázló Polgar had the measure of their respective ditties; but it was Maria Ewing, whose instinct was as sure and swift as Abbado's.

Douglas Boyd, the COE's oboist, shared the honours both here and in the Rossini *Silken Ladder* overture with which the evening began. I've never heard such a mercurial performance: this orchestra's apparent intoxication with listening to itself is still a cause for wonder.

They ended with Mendelssohn's "Scottish" Symphony. It was a cunning ploy to present the work as yet another mirror of another age. This was an aquatint carried lightly in the portmanteau of a 19th-century traveller: its sense of style and its economy of tones did full justice to the symphony's artful construction.

Hilary Finch

## OPERA

Hérodiade  
Théâtre Antique  
National, Orange

Massenet's *Hérodiade* had its first performance at the Théâtre de la Monnaie, Brussels, just over a century ago. It is both melodramatic and sensually, occasionally bombastic, cheerfully possessed of that charming lyricism so characteristic of its composer, pointing the way towards *Manon* three years later. It has never enjoyed a place in the popular repertoire, and it was a bold move by Les Chorégraphes d'Orange to close their 1987 season with it.

It is in the lyrical movements that the spell exerted by Massenet's theatrical gifts works most potently. His vocal writing is unfailingly graceful, nowhere more so than in the elegiac tenor solo for Jean in the fourth act, "Ne pouvant réprimer les élans de la foi".

For Orange, the early omens were not encouraging, when three of the principals (Caballé, Carreras and Ortaiz) declared themselves

unfit. In the event, Lotfi Maassoufi's production from the Acropolis at Nice accommodated itself comfortably in the vast spaces of Orange's Roman theatre. Wolfram Skalicki's settings were effective and unfussy.

Of the leading singers, by far the best were the survivors from the cast originally announced. As Hérode, Alain Fondary gave a thoroughly committed and telling performance. Paul Plishka's Phanael was suitably dark-toned and menacing.

As Salomé, Françoise Garner took a little time to warm up, revealing in the process a slightly uncomfortable fast vibrato and some hardness of tone under pressure. But by the end of the evening she was dominating the ensemble with her brilliant high register. As Hérodiade, Viorica Anghel, though a somewhat well-worn, vibrant chest-note having real weight and quality. Jean (John the Baptist) was Max Eggert, who was sadly under-powered.

For the Orchestra Philharmonique de Nice, as for the conductor, Jacques Delacour, there can be only unstinted praise.

Peter Orr

At the Locarno Film Festival, Geoff Brown watches small screen gems transfer to a larger stage

## Flickers of televisual talent



Between smiles: Hugh Quarshie ferociously brilliant as heavyweight boxer Jack Jefferson

## Fight to survive

## THEATRE

The Great  
White Hope  
Mermaid

In this fictionalised reconstruction of the career of Jack Johnson, the first black heavyweight world champion, Howard Sackler created the greatest part for a black actor since O'Neill's *The Emperor Jones*.

There is some similarity between the two roles. Sackler's Jack Jefferson, like Brutus Jones, begins with his empire intact; then he is driven into exile, stripped of his power and (metaphorically) done to death by a mob of white pursuers who cannot tolerate the existence of a negro who is not subservient.

Also, both plays are the works of white authors who accept the white notion of the over-developed black ego. Heroic as they may be, Brutus and Jack are as upstaged as ever wound up as strange fruit.

There the likeness ends. For where O'Neill's character is contained within his own omnipotent fantasy, Sackler's hero is a sharp-witted street-wise American, doing battle as much with an oppressive society as with his opponents in the ring. Growing up in Teddy Roosevelt's America, he takes its offer of "a square deal for everybody" at face value.

If a black can fight his way to the top, he can also live with a white woman. He can give his way out of trouble with the Press, batter down his adversaries with naked rage, and treat offended whites (such as the nauseated mother of his girlfriend, Ellie) with quiet respect: the one thing he never does is apologize.

Sackler's other main departure from heroic melodrama is to break down repeatedly the fourth wall, for direct address to the house. Sometimes he does it in the form of rapid asides, as with Jack showing off a saucy shirt and turning to invite our admiration before continuing the scene in the same breath.

More important are passages that undercut the theatre's habit of evoking sympathies that immediately evaporate after the performance. Thus, negative characters such as the racist mother

Cannes is not the only film festival to reach 40 this year. Locarno, the sprightliest of all the smaller events that crowd the festival calendar, rolled out the birthday cake in a programme rich with world premieres, *glasnost*, and puts on the back. They began by screening the opening film from the first festival of 1946 — a long-forgotten wartime bon-bon called *O Sole Mio!*, in which Tito Gobbi broadcasts messages to his Resistance chums by sprinkling arias with coded warbles and taps on the music-stand.

Since 1958 the competition section has been restricted to the work of new directors or emerging film industries; and Locarno has developed an enviable record of saluting world cinema's rising trends and figures.

This year the jury saluted Portuguese cinema and *O Bobo*, an ambitious work, six years in the making, from José Alvaro Morais, a director previously experienced in television documentaries. As a slab of bravura the film is unassailable, swiftly weaving between the past and present, fact and fiction, between the actions and spoken thoughts of an acting troupe rehearsing an adaptation of a nationalistic legend in an abandoned film studio. Visually, the actors cut dashing figures, parading before cyclorama

skies and *trompe-l'oeil* sets; but it would take a Portuguese Job to understand Morais's games of thematic counterpoint. The film received the Golden Leopard, a clock, for effort, might have been more appropriate.

Other main competition prizes went to *Konbu Finze* (Terrorists), an oppressive but brilliantly realized piece of urban paranoia from the Taiwanese Edward Yang, whose directorial eye is as clear and cold as Antonioni's; and Aleksandr Sokouras's *Odinokij Golos Celoveka* (The Solitary Human Voice), a valiant stab at poetic cinema and one of several fruits of *glasnost* scattered through the festival.

Sokouras began the film as a diploma project at his Moscow film school in 1978; the guiding force is clearly Tarkovsky, to whom the film is dedicated; images of the hero sweeping a broom through a pool in slow-motion, however, show that Tarkovsky's gift for creating screen magic from man and nature cannot be easily duplicated.

Locarno's most surprising Soviet film was found in its television movies section. Think of Georgian cinema and you think of Paradjanov's exotic panoply of nationalistic and religious icons. But Aleko Tzabadze's *Piatno* (The Stain), made for Georgian

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## DANCE

Cisne Negro  
Festival Hall

but not the super-charged bravura they have both shown on other occasions.

Bujones was seen to much better effect in *Hyperboreans*, which is his own production, and entirely new. Well, almost entirely, since he has added as an epilogue, two solos for himself with choreography by Maurice Béjart. These show in stately style his suppleness, control, pride and voluptuous energy.

They are taken from Béjart's *Seven Greek Dances*, to music by Theodorakis; the rest of that music provides the



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by four Japanese composers, it aims to show how Oriental immigrants to South America brought cultural and philosophical baggage with them.

The content is obscure but two sequences invigorate the proceedings. In one, men tumble and leap like fish, and the reactions of the women, led by Beth Risolen, convert this activity into potent, erotic symbolism. In the other, the dancers wear bright masks for a cheerful dragon dance.

Umberto Da Silva's *Encosta Parvizada* claims to show everyday village life: tell that to the Archers. The best of its short numbers is a solo for Dany Bittencourt with an imaginary joy on her head. The choreography is modded and bitty, but the dancers carry it through their vigour.

John Percival

● The National Theatre stages two new plays in the Cottesloe this autumn. They are *Ting Tang Mine* by Nick Darke, which is set in Cornwall after the Napoleonic Wars and directed by Michael Rudman (opening September 23, with previews from September 10); and *Entertaining Strangers* by David Edgar, set in 19th-century Dorchester and directed as a promenade production by Peter Hall (opening October 15, previews from October 8).

● The London premieres of Graham Lustig's *Paramour*, Susan Crow's *Private City* and Derek Deane's *The Picture of Dorian Gray* are included in Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet's week at Sadler's Wells Theatre beginning on October 27.

● Terry Hands's Stratford production of *The Winter's Tale* opens at the Barbican on October 14 (with previews from October 8). It will play in repertory with *The Balcony* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* until December 5.



## CHESS

## Short cuts to success

Nigel Short has won the Kleinwort Grievson British Chess Championship in Swansea, with the tremendous score of 9½ points from 11 games. Short finished 1½ points ahead of those in second place — the Canadian champion, Igor Ivanov, and Stuart Conquest of Hastings. Short's needle clash was against the reigning title holder, Jon Speelman of Hampstead.

Here is that game, the first ever between two official British candidates for the world championship:

White: Nigel Short; Black: Jon Speelman. Kleinwort Grievson British Chess Championship Round 9. Pire Defence (by transposition).

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## THE WEEK AHEAD



## BOOKS

**BIG MAN:** Peter Paul Rubens may well have had "great fat ladies by the yard" on his calling card. He was a rich man anyway, but he would have been even richer if paintings were paid for by acreage. One needs a book as large, as exhaustive and as expensively illustrated as Christopher White's new study *Rubens* (Yale, £40) if one is to gain the full measure of the man. He was a diplomat and courtier, and so his is generally a public art, but there are obscurities and White leads you courteously through them.



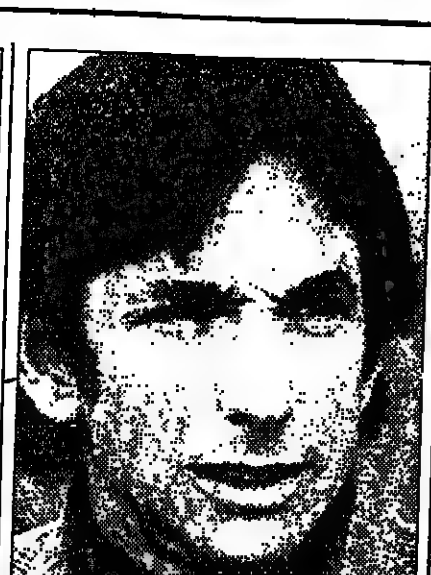
## OPERA

**IN CLOSE-UP:** Ileana Cotrubas is the Violetta in a semi-staged production of Verdi's *La traviata* at the Proms tomorrow. Sir Peter Hall has adapted his Glyndebourne production for the Albert Hall, and, if the past few years' Glyndebourne Prom visits are anything to go by, the evening will lose little of its power in a more close-focused staging. Bernard Haitink conducts the London Philharmonic once again, and Cotrubas is supported by the original Glyndebourne cast. Albert Hall, (01-589 8212), 7.15pm, £2-£30.



## FILMS

**AMERICAN DREAM:** Charles Dance dons the mantle of one of the cinema's greatest pioneers, D W Griffith, in the Tavian brothers' *Good Morning Babylon* (15), in which two stonemasons from Tuscany find work in America building extravagant Babylon sets for Griffith's *Intolerance*. But America's promise is never properly fulfilled. Neither is the film's, though it springs from a marvellous idea. With Joaquim de Almeida and Vincent Spano as the labourers in Wonderland. Lumiere (01-836 0691), from Friday.



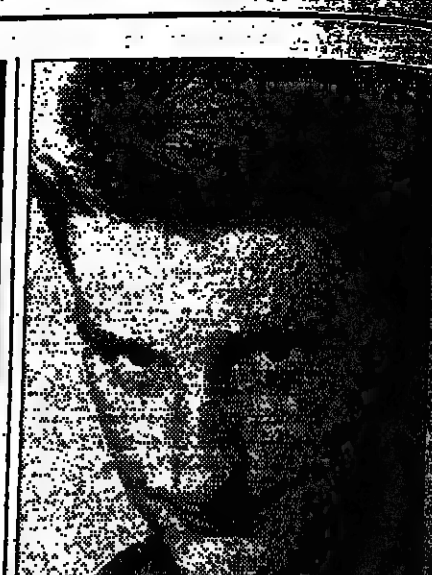
## CONCERTS

**TAKE-OVER:** Michael Tilson Thomas takes over the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra for two Edinburgh Festival concerts. On Tuesday he conducts Mahler's Symphony No 5 and accompanies Marvis Martin, soprano, in Mozart's *Exsultate, jubilate* and *Chi sa, chi sa qual sia*. An American programme follows on Wednesday with Copland's *Billy the Kid* suite, some Gershwin and, with the Edinburgh Festival Chorus, Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*. Usher Hall (031 228 1155), 8pm, £4.50-£15.



## THEATRE

**CHINESE MACBETH:** Kunju theatre dates back to the 16th century, though its fame outside China has been overshadowed by the Peking Opera. The Shanghai Kunju Theatre comes to the Leith Theatre, Edinburgh, next week with a programme of three shows, including a martial-arts version of *Macbeth*, *The Tale of Bloodstained Hands*, where witches leap and armies advance in gravity-defying jumps. The company will be at the Palladium Theatre, London, for a two-week season starting October 26.



## ROCK

**REVOLUTIONARY:** Billy Bragg has borrowed the traditions of the Sixties' protest-singer and the Seventies' DIY punk to breathe life into his peculiar vision of a contemporary wandering minstrel. His gruff, determinedly proletarian delivery and socialist heart-on-the-sleeve involvement with various campaigns do not obscure his humorous stage presence nor the powerful melodic intent of *Between The Wars* and *A New England*. Tomorrow, for five nights, Mean Fiddler, London NW10 (01-861 5490).

## THEATRE

**AIDS - THE MUSICAL:** An apparently sincere new wave/punk show which mixes direct quotation of "official" source material with a story of Peter Paul and Mary, fighting to save the world. David Bennett and Fran Isherwood direct. Hackney Empire, 291 Mare St, London E8 (01-985 2424), Opens Mon, until Aug 29.

**CHAKRAVATYHA:** Direct from the Edinburgh Festival, India's Chorus Theatre of Manipur in a piece based on an episode from the epic the Mahabharata. Riverside Studios (01-748 3354), Opens Tues (Press Night Wed), until Sept 5.

**CURTAINS:** New play by Stephen Bill about a family gathered to celebrate grandmother's 80th birthday. Stuart Burge directs a cast including Gwen Nelson, Sheila Ballantine, Bridget Turner and Alfred Lynch. Hampstead (01-722 9301), Previews from Thurs, Opens Sept 3.

**THE LIGHT OF DAY:** World premiere of comedy by Graham Swannell, about a change of balance in the wife becomes successful and independent. Peter James directs Nicola Pagett, Nigel Terry, Claire Hackett. Lyric Studio, Hammersmith (01-741 3311), Opens Thurs, Press Night Sept 2.

**POSTMAN PAT'S ADVENTURES:** The popular children's television series brought to the stage, with Don Cranin in the title role. First date on a national tour. Wimbledon Theatre (01-540 0822), Opens Tues, until Aug 29.

**VINCE:** Robert Lepage presents a one-man show only obliquely concerned with Leonardo but reflecting on suicide and human transcendence. For the Canadian Compagnie des Quatre. Institute of Contemporary Arts (01-930 3647), Opens Tues, until Sept 5.

**OPEN AIR THEATRE GALA:** Joanna Lumley, Maria Aitken, Derek Jacobi, Aled Jones, Jan Francis, Peggy Mount, Bernard Bressan, Sheila Steafel, Steve Ross and Derrick Gaylor are among proposed participants in fund-raising show to benefit the Tricycle. Bush and Regent's Park as well as the Actors' Charitable Trust. Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park (01-486 2431), Sun 7.45pm.

**OUT OF TOWN**

**DUNDEE:** The Phantom of the Opera: Ken Hill's version of the Gaston Leroux classic, with music by Gounod, Verdi and Offenbach. Designed and directed by Neil Murray. Repertory Theatre (0383 23530), Preview Thurs, Opens Fri.

**FARNHAM:** A Passage to India: Santha Rama Rau's adaptation of the E M Forster novel concentrates on the visit to the caves. With Renee Asherson, Katherine New, Bhasker Redgrave (0252 715301), Opens Wed.

## OPERA

**KIROV OPERA:** Their last few days in England: tonight at 7.15pm and tomorrow at 5pm Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov*, directed spectacularly by Boris Pokrosky and conducted by Yuri Tenenkov. Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021 622 7486).

**GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL:** The curtain comes down on this year's season tonight with a final performance of *Porgy and Bess* (4.00pm). Glyndebourne, Lanes, East Sussex (0273 541111).

**AQUARIUS:** Join the National Theatre Studio for a Harrison Birtwistle double bill on Tues at 7.45pm. His *Bow Down* and his *Down by the Greenwood Side*, a disturbing pageant of birth and death, are directed by Peter Gill and conducted by Nicolas Cleobury. Greenwood only will be performed on next Sat at 3pm, with *Bow Down* at 7.45pm.

**QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL, SOUTH BANK, LONDON SE1 (01-928 3191).**

**LONDON SINFONETTA:** Staged performance of

Monteverdi's *Il combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda* on Thurs at 7.45pm. Stagings of *Verdi's La traviata*, *Berio's Recital* fill out the evening. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191).

## ROCK

**CASTLE DONINGTON MONSTERS OF ROCK:** The thrash revolution in American metal is taking on a significance equivalent to that of the punk movement in British rock a decade ago, which may explain why this year's line-up is 100 per cent American. Including: Bon Jovi, Dio, Metallica and Anthrax. Today from noon, Donington Park, Derby.

**BRUNO BOYS:** African rhythms or not, their latest single, "Jilt Jive" is a little on the glossy side. Are they going to be the first World Music band to "sell out"? Tonight, Leadmill, Sheffield (0742 754500); tomorrow, Warehouse, Leeds (0532 468287); Wed, Dance Factory, Dundee (0382 68293); Thurs, Louie, Kelvin Centre, Glasgow (041 221 4001); Fri, Venue, Aberdeen (0224 641831).

## JAZZ

**BRECON JAZZ '87:** Charlie Haden's marvellous Liberation Music Orchestra tops the bill tonight, joined over the weekend by Helen Shapiro with Humphrey Lyttelton, the quintet of Joe Henderson and Woody Shaw, the Pasadena Orchestra and others. Watton Moor, Brecon, Powys (0874 5567), today, tomorrow, Warehouse, Leeds (0532 468287); Wed, Dance Factory, Dundee (0382 68293); Thurs, Louie, Kelvin Centre, Glasgow (041 221 4001); Fri, Venue, Aberdeen (0224 641831).

**SUMMERSKOPPE JAZZ:** Now established as the South Bank's summer jazz festival, two bands a night: Azimuth and Human Chain (Mon), the quintet of Peter King and Steve Williams (Tues), Steve Williams' quintet and solo pianist Mervyn Afrika (Wed), First House and solo saxophonist Evan Parker (Thurs), and Itchy Fingers with Arguelles-Purcell group (Fri). Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191), cc 01-928 8800, Mon-Fri.

**MIKE MANTLER:** The Australian-born trumpeter, a co-founder of the Jazz Composers Orchestra with his wife, Carla Bley, leads a band featuring Jack Bruce, Don Preston, Anton Fier and Steve Swallow. Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Rd, London WC2 (01-437 1801), Tues.

**CONCERTS**

**DIVERSE PROM:** A well mixed programme by Sir John Pritchard and the BBC SO contrasts the penny-plain exoticism of Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* with the jazzy nostalgia of Constant Lambert's *Rio Grande*, the Viennese intoxications of Ravel's *La Valse* with the circus jollifications of Milhaud's *Bouquet sur le Toit*. Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-589 9455), Today, 7.30pm.

**ANCIENT MUSIC:** Christopher Hogwood conducts the Academy of Ancient Music in Gluck's *Dance of the Blessed Spirits* and *Dance of the Furies*. Steven Lubin is at the piano for Beethoven's *Piano Concertos Nos 3 and 4*. Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-636 8891), Tomorrow, 3.30pm.

**TENNISTO/FASSBAENDER:** The LFO is conducted by Klaus Tennstedt in Brahms's Symphony No 4 and Brigitte Fassbaender (mezzo soprano) sings in Mahler's *Kindertotenlieder*. Albert Hall, Thurs, 7.30pm.

**FANCIES, TOYS ETC:** To start the series of "Harrison Birtwistle - His Toys, His Dreams" Aquarius, National Theatre Studio and many others combine for staged performances of his *Bow Down* and *Down by the Greenwood Side*. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), Tues, 7.45pm.

**EARLY TRIUMPHS:** Three masterpieces from early in their composers' careers are juxtaposed by the BBC SO under Bernard Haitink: Mozart's *Symphonies No 29 K 201*, Ravel's *Scheherazade*

(Felicity Lott, soprano) and Stravinsky's *Petrushka*. Albert Hall, Wed, 7.30pm.

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## GALLERIES

**ROY HAMMOND:** Watercolours made during a recent trip down the Nile. Chris Beetles, London SW1 (01-839 7551), From Sun.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

**NEIL LIBBERT:** Observer photographer's extraordinary and sensitive documentary on the plight of DHSS claimants. National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2033), until Sept 19.

**POP AND ROCK PHOTOS:** A chance to view the remarkable collection of Sixties rock 'n' roll pictures put together by F Cyrus Andrews soon to be auctioned by Phillips. Phillips Auctions, Blenheim House, 7 Blenheim St, New Bond St, London W1 (01-629 6602), Mon and Tues 9am-5pm, Wed 9-11am.

## FILMS

**COMRADES (PG):** Bill Douglas's epic account of the Tolpuddle Martyrs, brimming with imaginative touches but in serious need of pruning. With Robin Soans, Michael Hordern, Robert Stephens. Curzon West End (01-439 4806), From Fri.

**LETHAL WEAPON (18):** Confused but glossy packaged thriller in praise of violence and revenge, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover as warring detectives, pursuing a Vietnam veteran, a burning drug smuggler Gary Busey. Warner West End (01-439 0791), From Fri.

**POWER (15):** Sidney Lumet's simple-minded drama, filmed in 1965, features Richard Gere as

public relations whiz-kid who lands in hot water with a politically ambitious client. With Dennis Hopper, Gene Hackman. Cannon Tottenham Court Rd (01-836 6148), From Fri.

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## STOCK MARKET

## Wall St helps to restore confidence

By Michael Clark

The London stock market was looking a little more like its old self yesterday, helped by a steady performance from the pound and another record-breaking run overnight on Wall Street.

The FT 30 share index made a cautious start, but grew in confidence throughout the day, wiping out some of the losses of earlier this week. It closed at its best level of the day, ending at 2,710.2, up from 2,697.5, to end the account on a positive note. Despite the hefty falls encountered earlier this week, which had wiped about £15 billion from the market's value, the change in the index on the account is a mere 0.3-point rise.

The broader, FT-SE 100 shareindex spent a nervous morning, losing an early 10.8 lead before rallying strongly later in the day, to finish 20.5 points up at 2,205.8.

Dealers reported selective support for the new, three-week account which starts on Monday. Dealers are hoping that most of the damage stemming from the Chancellor's decision to lift base rates by a point to 10 per cent is now out of the way. However, dealers are still not ruling out the possibility of another rise in interest rates if the economy continues to overheat. But the pound's "rearguard action" on the

foreign exchange market has raised hopes that this can be avoided.

There was a renewed mood of optimism among dealers yesterday with most of them convinced that the market had over-reacted to Thursday's news of the near-£5 billion jump in bank lending during July.

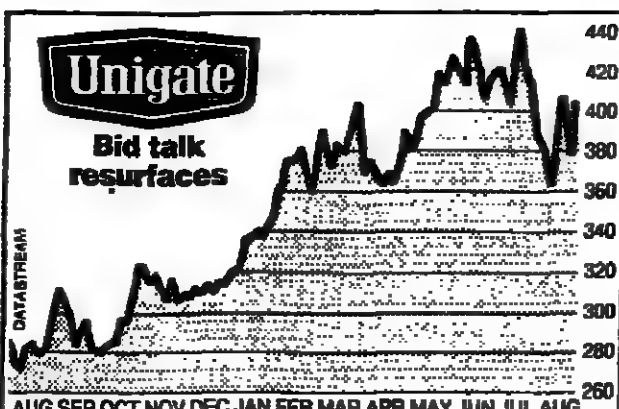
Government securities also attempted to claw back some of the falls seen earlier in the week encouraged by the performance of the pound. Gains at the longer of the market stretched to more than 1%.

Leading shares were chased higher by the appearance of a few overseas buyers with Glaxo rising 35p to £17.65.

SI Group, the loss-making engineering which used to be traded under Spencer Gears, was a firm market, moving up 2p to 62 1/2p on renewed bid hopes. Market whippers suggest someone has been buying a stake in the company. Dealers are bracing themselves for some positive news soon.

BOC Group, 6p to 52 1/2p and ASDA-MFI, 6p to 190p, on growing hopes that the proposed sale of MFI was close.

ICI was another firm market, expanding by 1p to £14.82, on talk that it had



discovered a new drug, BTR, the industrial conglomerate, also advanced, by 12p to 323p, leading to renewed speculation that it was about to launch a "mega-bid". This turned out to be good news for Hawker Siddeley, 20p higher at 668p, which has been tipped as a possible target.

Other suitors mentioned in the past have included GKN, up 6p to 380p and Lacon Industries, up 5p to 72 1/2p.

Unigate, the dairy products group, enjoyed another speculative run, climbing by 29p to 40 1/2p and wiping out the losses of earlier this week. A total of almost 4 million shares were traded. Dealers have reported some inquisitive buying from Switzerland this week, leading to renewed speculation that Nestle, the big Swiss food group, was about to pounce.

Nestle's name has been linked to a number of British food groups over the past couple of years but has, so far, failed to make any move. Dealers claim that Nestle is interested in St Ivel and may choose to bid for the entire group to get the bits it wants. But a possible counter-bid cannot be ruled out. Market men claim that the acquisitive Hillsdown Holdings has expressed an interest in Unigate and may also decide to make a bid.

Earlier this week, Panmure Gordon, the broker, produced a realistically cautious circular on Unigate, highlighting the group's weaknesses but also pointing out that the share was limited. According to Panmure, growth prospects at Unigate depend very much on the success of its expansion plans. Unigate is on target for pretax profits of £112.7 mil-

lion this year compared with £104.7 million last time. However, the prospective p/e of 12.5 is hardly demanding and on historic values the group already stands at a 33 per cent discount to the rest of the sector.

Panmure said: "If you want to take a gamble, there is plenty of upside."

Also supporting the price yesterday was talk that the board had finally found a buyer for its three engineering businesses which have the "for sale" sign up. There is talk that the group has received a good price for the businesses.

Some estimate that it could be as high as £50 million.

Also in the food sector, Rank's Hovis McDougall jumped 23p to 338p on the long-awaited news that

The interim figures due next week from Marley, the building supplies group, should make pleasant reading. There is talk that the figures could also rekindle some of the old bid gossip. Despite the sale of Payless DIY, dealers claim that the group still remains attractive to predators.

Fletcher Challenge, the New Zealand food group, had sold its near-5 per cent stake to its Australian rival, Goodman Fielder, for 355p a share. The deal gives Goodman almost 20 per cent of RHM and

dealers are now talking of a bid of 440p a share.

Elsewhere in the food sector healthy gains were seen in Basset Foods, 5p to 26 1/2p, Dalgety, 9p to 378p, Hazlewood Foods, 7p to 283p and Rowntree Macintosh, 6p to 55 1/2p.

Cadbury Schweppes, 11p to 260p, ahead of figures in a couple of weeks' time which are expected to make interesting reading.

Revised bid speculation boosted Matthew Brown, the Newcastle brewer, by 6p to 692p. Scottish & Newcastle is still holding a near-3 per cent stake in the shares following an abortive bid a couple of years ago and has been widely tipped to launch another attempt in the not too distant future.

S&N advanced a further 4p to 24 1/2p - making a two-day lead of 7p - and has itself been mentioned as a possible bid target.

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## WALL STREET

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Mr H. Richard Handley, president of Citicorp in Argentina, said in New York yesterday, after a ceremony connected with the signing of the Argentine debt restructuring plan, that the bank hopes to swap \$500 million in debt for investments in Argentine companies.

He did not specify whether the companies were government-owned or private. Argentina is presently attempting to sell to the public parts of its government-held companies.

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## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

## STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates	Market rates	1 month	3 months
day's range	close	August 21	
New York	1.8200-1.8300	1.8290-1.8300	1.83-1.25p
London	2.1514-2.1637	2.1607-2.1637	0.54-0.41p
Amsterdam	3.3292-3.3418	3.3322-3.3418	41-1/2p
Brussels	61.48-61.55	61.52-61.55	22-1/2p
Copenhagen	11.3549-11.4318	11.3549-11.4318	11-1/2p
Frankfurt	2.9579-2.9657	2.9600-2.9642	11-1/2p
Geneva	188.12-190.41	188.12-190.41	11-1/2p
Hamburg	2.141-2.1474	2.141-2.1474	11-1/2p
Paris	10.6426-10.6580	10.6426-10.6580	11-1/2p
Rome	9.8829-9.9105	9.8829-9.9105	11-1/2p
Stockholm	10.3648-10.4060	10.3648-10.4060	11-1/2p
Switzerland	201.85-202.58	201.85-202.58	11-1/2p
Zurich	2.4471-2.4547	2.4471-2.4547	11-1/2p

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 72.3 (day's range 72.3-72.8).

OTHER STERLING RATES	DOLLAR SPOT RATES
Argentina austral	3.4489-3.4540
Australia dollar	0.2712-0.2728
Belgium franc	0.0090-0.0100
Brazil cruzeiro	70.5617-77.0236
Ceylon pound	0.7760-0.7850
Czech koruna	2.1850-2.2250
Denmark kroner	6.7150-6.7250
France franc	6.5550-6.5650
Germany mark	1.9360-1.9410
Greece drachma	224.25-226.25
Hong Kong dollar	7.7510-7.7610
India rupee	21.04-21.24
Indonesia rupiah	0.0001-0.0002
Japan yen	142.85-143.85
Malaysia ringgit	2.0550-2.0650
Mexico peso	24.50-24.60
Netherlands guilder	0.0036-0.0037
New Zealand dollar	0.6700-0.6710
Portugal escudo	200.48-200.58
Saudi Arabia riyal	3.7500-3.7600
Singapore dollar	0.7000-0.7010
South Africa rand	0.6700-0.6710
Spain peseta	166.64-166.74
Switzerland franc	0.0001-0.0002
UAE dirham	0.0001-0.0002
Yugoslavia dinar	0.0001-0.0002

Notes supplied by Barclays Bank, NBS and EMI.

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Sep 87	90.28	90.52	89.28	89.50	2396
Oct 87	89.25	89.50	88.25	88.50	175
Nov 87	88.25	88.50	87.25	87.50	175
Dec 87	87.25	87.50	86.25	86.50	175
Jan 88	86.25	86.50	85.25	85.50	175
Feb 88	85.25	85.50	84.25	84.50	175
Mar 88	84.25	84.50	83.25	83.50	175
Apr 88	83.25	83.50	82.25	82.50	175
May 88	82.25	82.50	81.25	81.50	175
Jun 88	81.25	81.50	80.25	80.50	175
Jul 88	80.25	80.50	79.25	79.50	175
Aug 88	79.25	79.50	78.25	78.50	175
Sep 88	78.25	78.50	77.25	77.50	175
Oct 88	77.25	77.50	76.25	76.50	175
Nov 88	76.25	76.50	75.25	75.50	175
Dec 88	75.25	75.50	74.25	74.50	175
Jan 89	74.25	74.50	73.25	73.50	175
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# Berry's dizzy climb to the top of the jobs world

By Joe Joseph

The deal struck with Manpower yesterday, creating the world's biggest employment services group, caps the dizzy climb of both the tireless Mr Tony Berry and Blue Arrow, which three years ago was a scripping on the Unlisted Securities Market, worth £3.1 million and boasting profits of just £441,000.

Before adding Manpower to its empire, Blue Arrow, which moved up to a full Stock Exchange quote only last year, was already valued at nearer £400 million, while its 466 offices on both sides of the Atlantic were tipped to bring in pretax profits this year of about £20 million.

Its shares, which could once have been picked up by wily investors at 75p, have risen above £11 at their peak.

Having become the king of employment agencies in Britain, Mr Berry still aged only 46, never hid his ambition to grab the world crown as well. Nor has he been one to trim his goals to the size of his wallet.

It was Mr Berry's impatience with waiting in the wings that spawned the bid for his Milwaukee-based rival earlier this month. The cash bid — raised yesterday to \$1.3 billion (£800 million) — was backed up by a huge £837 million equity fund-raising, the biggest call on shareholders ever made in Britain.

The idea of Blue Arrow swallowing a company more than double its size was audacious even though it came within weeks of the checky successful £350 million takeover of the J Walter Thompson advertising agency by Mr Martin Sorrell's WPP Group, a marketing services company still in its corporate short trousers and worth barely a third of its famous target.

But JWT, with its profits in the doldrums and its boardroom in disarray, had lost Wall Street's confidence. Manpower, on the other hand, was not only well regarded but, in the words of Mr Mitchell Friedman, its besieged president, was "on a staggering growth trajectory."

That Blue Arrow could pull



Tony Berry: 'I might as well go for the number one prize'

off such a bold takeover and persuade the City to digest the record rights issue, despite a clutch of competing calls on its funds, says much about the City's confidence in Mr Berry and in his ability to tap the resources of Manpower and to exploit the challenges of the employment services industry into the 1990s.

A keen amateur sportsman — he was a junior boxing champion but was also tried out as a cricketer for Middlesex and on the soccer field for Tottenham Hotspur, where he is now a director — Mr Berry was already preparing for battle in America before stalking Manpower: he is co-sponsoring British yachting's challenge for the America's Cup in 1990-91 with Mr Peter de Savary.

Though retaining a keen competitive instinct, he is now happy that he never made it off the reserves' benches. "It's

certainly done me good being a failed sportsman."

He says it was only over the past few weeks that he realized he was too restless to wait the 10 years it might take to build Blue Arrow into a world giant by patiently vacuuming up its smaller rivals.

"I only thought about this very clearly in the last three or four weeks," he said when he first unveiled his planned takeover, the first to be launched without his target's blessing. "I thought that if I'm going to get into a hassle I might as well get into the ultimate one and go for the number one prize."

It was a confident boast for someone who six years ago was on the dole after having been sacked as finance director of Brengreen, the cleaning company he had helped to create with his childhood friend Mr David Evans, now a Conservative MP and chair-

man of Luton Town Football Club. Mr Berry says he never knew why he was squeezed out, but the experience set him against ever again working for anyone else.

He soon traded in his cracked pride for a £350,000 controlling interest in Barnet Agency Limited, a collection of companies including a staff recruitment business called Blue Arrow which had just 19 offices. Within a year, the business was thriving and making profits of £200,000. In July 1984 it joined the USM.

The success of the company since then reflects both Mr Berry's skilled entrepreneurial eye and favourable conditions in the temporary employment market.

The changing nature of office work, and the need for new, specialized skills which were often cheaper and easier to hire by the week, contributed to the 15 per cent annual growth rate in the employment agency market. Blue Arrow's fortunes blossomed.

By the end of 1985, with Reliance Service and Brook Street under its belt, Blue Arrow became the largest employment agency in Britain and was already turning its eyes across the Atlantic. The six US companies it has bought over the past nine months were set to provide about one quarter of Blue Arrow's profits before Manpower was added to the list.

The world recruitment business is currently worth about £35 billion a year, more than one third of it generated in America. By the early 1990s, the total is expected to balloon to £55 billion, £18 billion of it coming from the US.

It is this oyster that Mr Berry is looking to prise open through Manpower, which has jobs for 700,000 workers a year in 32 countries but which — Mr Berry feels — has wrongly concentrated on placing temporary staff only.

The permanent placement market is growing by 15 per cent a year in the US and he believes he can boost profits sharply at Blue Arrow's US subsidiaries — including Manpower — by placing permanent staff and temporary help through the same offices.

## Elders to be split in three

From Richard Battley  
Sydney

Elders IXL, the world's sixth-largest brewer, is to form a separate brewing division under a \$450 million (£448 million) revised restructuring plan announced yesterday.

Mr John Elliott, the chief executive, said it would probably be located in London.

Two other satellite entities would be created: Elders Finance and Elders Agribusiness. But a fourth division — Elders Investment BHP — would not be formed. This vehicle was to have contained Elders's 18 per cent stake in BHP, Australia's biggest company. The equity is valued at more than \$450 million.

The associate company, AFP Investment Corp, last month recommended to Elders the four-part break-up of the company, which is Australia's fifth-biggest.

Elders's shareholders will receive an Aus\$1-a-share tax-free payment and be offered renounceable rights to 35 per cent of the three new entities.

Mr Elliott did not discount a possible float of Beswick, the wholly-owned Elders subsidiary and repository of the BHP stake, which was not included in the restructuring.

In another unexpected move, Elders announced the separate Hong Kong flotation of Elders Investment. This would be the vehicle for Elders's international investments.

Elders Investment would be formed through a non-renounceable rights issue to Elders's shareholders but was unrelated to the capital-repayment being offered under the revised restructuring plan.

Mr Elliott emphasized that he and other senior executives had decided to reject the AFP loan assistance offered to them to take up 106 million shares in the parent company, valued at more than \$450 million.

The AFP executive incentive scheme would have enabled Mr Elliott and his senior colleagues to exercise a proposed 50 per cent share of the options now held by AFP for 212 million Elders shares owned by Goodman Fielder and South Australian Brewing Holdings.

Explaining the decision to move the brewing operation, Mr Elliott said it was logical and appropriate, particularly after Elders had spent \$450.3 billion on Courage in Britain and \$450 million on Carling O'Keefe in Canada.

## Societies are raided in the switch to shares

By a quirk of coincidence, yesterday's dismal figures from the building societies were released at almost the same time as the latest statistics from the Unit Trust Association. And what contrasting reading they make.

The societies are struggling to keep the inflow of retail savings at a level which will satisfy mortgage demand and enable them to maintain market share in the battle with banks and the securitized lenders such as Household Mortgage Corporation.

It is not that the societies have suddenly lost their place in the affections of the British people. But their traditional appeal as a savings medium has been dented by the long-running bull market in shares and a spate of juicy-priced privatizations which have together conspired to turn savers' heads rather more actively towards risk investments.

Meanwhile, the unit trust groups are powering ahead. Latest figures from the Unit Trust Association reveal net new investment for July breaching the £1 billion barrier for the first time. Contrast this with the building societies' net retail receipts of £347 million for the same month and you begin to get the picture.

Whether investors have been making the right choices is not so certain. It is the classic function of the odd-lot trader to pile in just as prices are peaking. Both gross sales of units in July (at £1.9 billion) and net new investment, after repurchases, ran at almost treble the rate of July 1986. And the share index has certainly peaked for the moment on July 17. That may prove the high water mark of the small investors' switch to equity investments, but now that the drive to wider share ownership has really caught on, it seems unlikely to be reversed completely in the building societies' favour.

The value of unit trust funds under management is now not far short of £50 billion. That is an increase of more than 70 per cent in the last year alone and it cannot be attributed solely to rising market values. Unitholder accounts are also up significantly and stand at more than four million, representing perhaps 1.5 million individual investors.

We shall be hearing even more on unit trusts over the coming weeks. The unit trust arm of Royal Insurance is about to embark on a £6 million advertising blitz and confidently expects to attract £300 million from investors as a result.

Even if the trend slows, the immediate outlook for building societies is not that bright. The Building Societies Association estimates that July's retail receipts were down by as much as £200 million because of the BAA flotation. And investors have been in no hurry to

put back the money from over-subscriptions.

The second call on British Airways' shareholders will have taken a toll this month, as will the second instalment on TSB shares in September. And the marketing men for the BP sale will be trying to relieve small investors of more money in October.

The societies' share of people's retail savings is under unrelenting pressure. Ultimately, if they are to maintain their position in the housing market, they may need permission from Parliament for a significant increase in the proportion of funds they can raise on the wholesale money markets — or make a complete change to corporate status.

## City is not to blame

Share dealers, if not the gilt-edged market, have shrugged off the July bank lending figures, principally because the Bank of England has shown that it does not want interest rates to rise further. This has, however, created a demand for non-inflationary explanations of the £4.9 billion spurge. One favoured theory — itself alarming in a different way — is that it reflects securities houses borrowing large sums to cover their exposure to the problem of unsettled bargains, which has plagued the City for most of the year.

Unfortunately, the Bank of England's monthly figures do not contain a detailed sectoral analysis. It is merely evident that consumer lending did not form the main part of the borrowing. The £900 million increase in bill finance also does not prove the City was to blame; the bill rate in July was low, offering corporate borrowers cheap money.

The figures for the clearing banks alone actually show a significant drop in lending to financial institutions. The dark area remains lending by foreign and non-clearing banks.

Fingers have, therefore, pointed at securities houses owned by merchant banks or foreign banks. Several of them have a large private client business — the kind of operation liable to severe settlement problems.

The clearing bank securities subsidiaries, on the other hand, are said to be handling the settlements problem better. So no unusual lending would show up in this quarter.

Several securities houses have certainly been borrowing quite large sums to cover their settlements backlog. But that will have been over several months. But houses such as Kleinwort Greaveson and Phillips & Drew categorically deny that any large borrowing has taken place over the last few months either from their parents or from the clearers.

## Boesky settlement holding frozen

By Lawrence Lever

The US Securities and Exchange Commission has frozen the stake in Cambrian & General Securities which Mr Ivan Boesky transferred to the US authorities in part-settlement of insider dealing charges.

The SEC's investigations into Mr Boesky's activities when he was chairman of Cambrian are continuing. The commission says, therefore, it cannot release the information accumulated or say whether it would have an impact on the value of Cambrian & General.

The SEC has also instructed the escrow agent who holds the stake in Cambrian to stop negotiating with potential purchasers.

Mr Boesky had 54.6 per cent of the capital shares and 12.68 per cent of the ordinary shares in Cambrian.

Heine Securities, a US fund management group, is said to have been negotiating to buy this from the US authorities. It holds almost 9 per cent of the Cambrian ordinary shares and just over 2 per cent of the ordinary shares.

One potential legal problem for the US Treasury Department in selling the Cambrian stake is that the unpublished information the SEC has gathered on Mr Boesky's activities may hamper the sale on the grounds that it has inside information.

## Shandwick buys Singapore firm

By Rodney Hobson

Shandwick, the public relations consultant, has filled another gap in its international aspirations with the purchase of the Singapore-based Gibson Public Relations.

Gibson was founded in 1982 by Mr Richard Gibson, a New Zealander who had worked for Burson-Marsteller and Ogilvy & Mather. It opened a Hong Kong office this month and its total staff in Asia is 19. The London office, opened last year, is not included in the deal.

Shandwick is initially paying £800,000 in cash. Further performance-related payments up to £4.6 million may be made, based on a multiple

of 10 times after-tax profits for the three years to July 31, 1991. Existing management continues.

Latest audited accounts of Gibson for the first seven months of 1987 show pretax profits of \$324,000 (£7,000) on revenue of \$375,000. Corresponding figures for the whole of 1986 were \$252,000 and \$31,283,000. On July 31 net tangible assets were \$515,000.

Shandwick made its first international acquisition last November by buying two United States public relations companies. It has since added the Sydney-based Corporate Communications and further US acquisitions.

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## Building materials sector still rests on firm foundations

Successful investment is all about timing. Countless people rue the day when greed prevented them cashing in substantial paper profits only to see them disappear in a puff of smoke. Conversely, fear has terrorised many into selling early, only to see the shares in question soar.

The market's behaviour over the last few weeks, lurching wildly in both directions but mostly downwards, points to a generally nervous mood. Excuses to sell are in great demand.

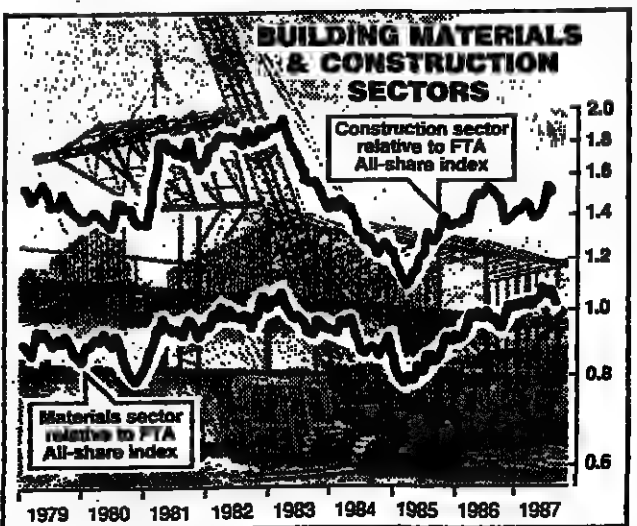
The recent interest rate rise has drawn special attention to the building materials and construction sectors which are traditionally interest rate sensitive.

Both sectors have enjoyed more than two years of sound market relative outperformance rising steadily from 1985 trough. Yet over a longer time scale, they have made little relative progress since 1979.

Nevertheless, the sharp rise in absolute values has encouraged a growing band in the City to promote the view that all the good news is fully discounted and that it is downhill all the way from here.

An opposing camp, with equal weight, sees the sectors as continued good value. As usual, however, the sensible view appears to be adopted by those who have captured the middle ground. A reorganization of the portfolio rather than its abandonment.

The bears point to the upward trend in interest rates. The next move may



again be up and looking two years on higher US rates will have some effect. But some believe that the current economic adjustments are to allow the economy to be stimulated in the autumn.

Another negative is the possible imposition of value added tax on new construction work, to bring Britain into line with the European Economic Community.

Any decision on this would incite frenzied activity ahead of the imposition leaving a vacuum thereafter. What, however, an erratic demand pattern is not in the industry's interest.

On the positive side, however, the quality of earnings has improved beyond recognition since the 1970s. Companies are running broader businesses both by product and by geographical spread. Re-rating was, therefore,

long overdue. Although a considerable proportion of this has taken place, there is less reason now than in the past to believe that the notorious building cycle will track an identical path to the one it adhered to in the past. Building sector earnings should no longer be dismissed as low quality and volatile.

Paradoxically, all this uncertainty is set against a background of buoyant demand for the materials producers and high levels of activity from the contractors.

The Building Materials Producers' forecasting panel has just revised upwards its predictions for 1987, 1988 and 1989. Its growth forecasts for total industry output from 1987 has been upgraded from 4 per cent to 7 per cent, while those for 1988 and 1989 have been increased by ½ per cent

and 1 per cent to 3.5 per cent and 2 per cent respectively.

These may seem unexciting but are well in excess of historic growth rates and underpin a favourable trading outlook. Moreover, the overall forecast cloaks opportunities in niche markets. Inner city refurbishment, private commercial and private industrial activity are expected to be particularly strong as will housing.

Thus, companies should still be reporting good results in second half of 1988, through to the spring of 1989.

So to sell the sector indiscriminately now when it is already nearly 10 per cent below its peak, may prove premature. Taking conspicuous profits should not be discouraged in case the sectors may continue to drift downwards, but this is the time to select shares with defensive qualities and to spot anomalies.

The building materials sector with its sound earnings base and well established overseas portfolio is a good starting ground. And Redland stands out as an obvious choice to hold come what may.

It has lagged both sector and market and has, as yet, failed to grab investors' imaginations when racier companies producing faster, if less sustainable, earnings growth held their attention. Opportunities to tuck it away at these levels should not be missed. Otherwise, keep an eye on the imminent interim results season for trading ideas.

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2	Talbot	Industrials S-Z					
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4	First Nat Finance	Banks/Discount					
5	Chase Prop	Property					
6	Benson Clark	Industrials A-D					
7	Guthrie	Industrials E-K					
8	Beckman (A)	Textiles					
9	British (as)	Oil & Gas					
10	Clark (Matthew)	Breweries					
11	Bentwood	Industrials A-D					
12	Jones & Shipman	Industrials E-K					
13	Provident	Banks/Discount					
14	Alcon	Drugs/Stores					
15	Hammerston	Property					
16	Solier (Stanley)	Buildings/Roads					
17	Sutton Designers	Electronics					
18	Edmund Hill	Buildings/Roads					
19	Leigh	Chemicals/Plastics					
20	KCA Drilling	Oil & Gas					
21	Trent	Buildings/Roads					
22	Amec	Buildings/Roads					
23	Mounting	Property					
24	Wiggins	Buildings/Roads					
25	Atwoods	Buildings/Roads					
26	Bremner	Drugs/Stores					
27	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K					
28	Shield Op	Property					
29	Dele Elec	Electronics					
30	Thorn Mfg	Industrials S-Z					
31	Lee (John J)	Industrials S-Z					
32	Lillifield	Industrials L-R					
33	Security Serv	Industrials S-Z					
34	AB Elect	Electronics					
35	Stanley (AG)	Drugs/Stores					
36	Office Elect Mach	Industrials L-R					
37	Halsford (James)	Chemicals/Plastics					
38	ALM	Industrials A-D					
39	Alfred Irish	Banks/Discount					
40	Bullock	Industrials A-D					
41	UEI	Electronics					
42	Pitch Lovell	Food					
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## STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Strong rally

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)  
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	7.00	7.00	5.27	3.83	10,000-24,999	6 mth
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Ordinary A/c	5.00	5.06	3.81	2.77	1 min	—
Britannia <sup>2</sup>	7.15	7.15	5.39	3.92	250 min	—
Bradford & Bingley <sup>2</sup>	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	—
Cheltenham & Gloucester	7.75	7.75	5.84	4.25	5,000 min	—
Nationwide Non-Resid <sup>2</sup>	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	1 min	—



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## Higher interest

From Monday, the Cheshire Building Society will be paying higher rates of interest on its Capital Plus Special Issue Account. Those investors with £10,000 will receive 8.5 per cent net a year, and those with £25,000 or more will earn 9.2 per cent net.

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## Sad saga of a man who sold some Gas shares

## INVESTMENT

The base of one *Family Money* reader's life over the last few months has been his British Gas shares. AMANDA PARDOE explains his problems

Alan Donovan of Croydon, Surrey, was allotted 800 partly paid shares in the British Gas privatization last December but, wanting to add to his holding, he subsequently bought a further 1,300 shares. On March 23 he sold the 1,300 shares, and on April 13 (not a Friday) he duly received £1,109.55. So far, so good.

Mr Donovan's problems began in May when he received his notice to pay the second instalment on his shares. The demand was for 2,100 shares.

On May 26, Mr Donovan personally delivered a cheque for the second

All he got was two more letters telling him that he had failed to pay up

instalment on his 800 shares to Barclays Bank New Issues Department in London. To this, he attached a covering letter explaining that he now owned only 800 shares. He was also advised by a member of staff that the matter would be sorted out. But it wasn't.

The cheque was returned, together with a reminder that he had 2,100 shares on which the second instalment was due.

Following a telephone call to Barclays, he was bizarrely advised to pay the second instalment on the 1,300 shares he had sold, but to check with the brokers who had handled the sale that the money would be refundable.

When it was told the details, stockbrokers Branstion and Gouthard advised him not to pay the additional sum, and offered to clear the matter up. They put through the payment for the 800 shares,



Behind the scramble for privatization shares can lurk annoying problems

and informed Mr Donovan on June 19 that he could expect to receive his authenticated certificate some time in the following week.

But all Mr Donovan got was two more letters from NatWest, the registrars to British Gas, reminding him that he had failed to pay the second instalment on 800 shares and 1,300 shares respectively.

*Family Money* contacted the brokers, who had by this time obtained an accurate certificate. Mr Branstion said:

"British Gas has been an absolute nightmare for stockbrokers. The real bugbear is the British Gas Share office, which is in an absolute shambles. I've even had a man with authenticated certificates for more shares than he has paid for."

Once in possession of his share certificate from his brokers, Mr Donovan set about solving another problem. He had not received his gas vouchers. NatWest says that 1.2 million vouchers were sent out on July 14.

The only people who were not sent vouchers then were those who had failed to pay the second instalment by June 9. Despite his efforts to pay, Mr Donovan fell into this category.

However, while investigating what had happened to the vouchers, NatWest discovered that Mr Donovan was still listed as the registered holder of 2,100 shares! Apparently, the original transfer had gone missing.

The key is to check it all and ensure you understand your investment

The situation has at last been resolved, and Mr Donovan received his vouchers last Thursday.

NatWest says anyone else who has not received their vouchers should ring its Helpline on 0272 294188 for advice.

The catalogue of errors experienced by this investor is not simply annoying, it is very disturbing. Mr Donovan happens to have been on the ball. He kept copies of all correspondence and made a regular check on developments. Not everyone is so cautious.

This should serve as a lesson for those first-time investors who may not be aware of the mistakes which can be made. The key is to check everything: take the name of anyone you register a query with and, above all, make sure you thoroughly understand what your investment involves.

## Sparks expected at the first AGM

With an estimated 6,000 shareholders due to turn up at the first ever British Gas AGM at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham next Thursday, it is inevitable that many will be there to voice their dissatisfaction with some element of the company's service.

One analyst said yesterday: "There is bound to be someone who will stand up and put forward a tale of woe about the day the gas man came to call."

In an effort to prevent such matters from delaying the real business of the meeting - getting shareholders' approval for the way the management is running the show - British Gas is inviting shareholders to turn up at the NEC in the

morning to visit a series of exhibition stands where staff will attempt to answer their queries in detail.

The organization of such an AGM has presented British Gas with a mammoth task. The NEC is the only venue capable of handling such a large number of shareholders and the issuing of the annual report has used up 584 tons of paper, 1.1 tons of printing ink and has produced a stack of paper 4½ miles high.

In addition, British Gas has had to pay out an extra £700,000 this week to send out a notice of motion put forward by a disgruntled industrial customer who wants the large industrial consumer given a voice on the board.

David Young

## It's a wicked month - but don't panic

August is supposed to be a quiet holiday period, but for investors in shares and unit trusts it will be remembered as a wicked month.

The first half of the month was dominated by major share-price gyrations following a 1 per cent rise in bank base rates. Just when calm appeared to be returning we witnessed a further shake-out last Thursday.

The market's initial reaction to figures revealing a dramatic rise in bank lending was to completely wipe out more than 3 per cent of the entire value of the FT-SE100 share index in a savage 2½-hour period.

On Thursday afternoon, the market recovered its poise substantially as earlier fears of a big rise in inflation receded and market makers took comfort from a strong start to trading on Wall Street.

Even though share trading was far less excitable yesterday the London equities market has now shown twice in three weeks just how easily it becomes unsettled by bad eco-

nomics news. Fears of a further rise in base rates still dominate City thinking.

The question for private investors is whether they should cash in their shares and units now or hold their nerve. Although there is the possibility of a further rise in

## Increases in share market forecast

base rates, the Government wants to avoid this and will only act if sterling comes under renewed pressure. For the time being then the message for private investors is "Don't panic".

The froth may have been blown off the top of the market but unit trust specialist Stephen Lansdown echoes the thoughts of many financial advisers when he argues that the UK share market will see further increases before the end of the year, though on a less dramatic scale than since the start of 1987.

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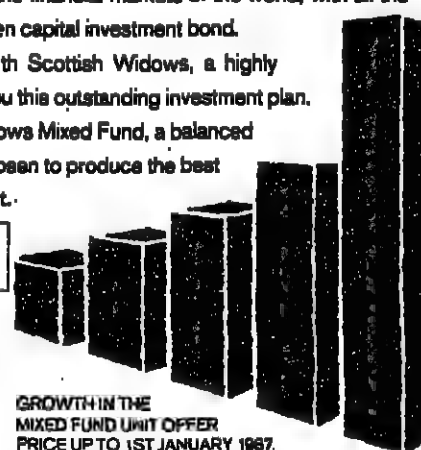
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## The Halifax confirms 11.25pc rate

The Halifax Building Society this week confirmed a mortgage rate of 11.25 per cent. Earlier in the month, the Halifax withdrew the lower rate of 10.8 per cent which it had been charging new borrowers and which it had planned to introduce for existing borrowers from September 1.

The Mortgage Corporation has raised its rate from 10.1 per cent to 11.1 per cent. The increase applies immediately for new borrowers and will come into effect from September 1 for existing borrowers. The corporation offers only endowment mortgages. Brokers Chase de Vere announced a new re-mortgage scheme this week. The rate is variable, and is currently 10.75 per cent. Valuation fees and the lender's solicitor's fees are paid for by Chase de Vere and the lender.

The Porchester Group has introduced a new mortgage service. Loans are repaid by an endowment policy with Cornhill. The current rate is 10.9 per cent. Borrowers are offered insurance products covering buildings, contents, accident and sickness and legal costs. A £50 non-refundable administration charge is payable to Porchester on application, followed by a further £50 on completion. Valuation and legal fees are also payable.

### Bonds dropped

■ Demand for Indexed Income Bonds, which were introduced by National Savings in November 1985, has been so poor that they are being withdrawn from sale next week. Since the launch, 2,300 people have invested £25.5 million. In comparison, National Savings receives more than twice this amount every week for its ordinary Income Bonds. These will continue to be sold. Existing holders of Indexed Income Bonds will

continue to receive their monthly income for the full 10-year term. Anyone who wishes to take out a bond must make sure their application form arrives at the Bonds and Stock Office, Blackpool FY3 9YF, by Friday, August 28. The minimum investment is £5,000.

### Bookcase

■ The 1987/88 edition of the *Allied Dunbar Tax Guide* is now on sale at leading bookshops. The 16th edition of this highly regarded book is again designed to help readers pay less tax and the emphasis on jargon-free advice goes a long way to explaining why it has become such a popular publication in recent years.

Written by Walter Sinclair, the guide is excellent value at £12.95. ■ Two other books of interest to *Family Money* readers are due out next week, both published by Kogan Page.

*The Good Investment Guide* (£5.95), described as an A-Z for personal investors, covers the full range of investments and explains their tax implications.

*Cashwise: how to achieve more from a fixed income* (£4.95) is published with the aim of helping people to overcome the problems of personal budgeting as well as giving advice on making your money work harder.

■ In last Saturday's *Family Money* we printed an incorrect telephone number for Sun Alliance which has just produced a free publication called *The Pensions Book*. Copies are available from the company by phoning 0403 64141, extension 3757.

### Expat loans

■ Expats and foreign nationals now have a choice of three new property loan schemes from Barclays Bank. The Expatriate Property Loan offers finance for expatriates who want to buy a first or second home and



"Apart from a sound knowledge of Unit Trusts, do you have anything else to declare?"

who do not expect to return to the UK within 18 months.

The Foreign Resident Mortgage provides a facility for the purchase and occupation of UK property for foreign nationals resident in the UK on an overseas posting.

The third scheme, the Property Investment Loan, offers sterling finance to overseas foreign nationals for the purchase of UK residential property for investment and/or occupation.

The size of the loan available, the repayment period and the arrangement fee all depend on the scheme chosen. In each case, the interest charged is at a negotiated margin above the bank's base rate.

### 50-plus plan

■ Financial advisers Barry Birch and Noble have brought out the BBN Income Plan for investors aged 50 and over. The plan is designed to provide a regular income coupled with capital growth, by splitting the investment between a temporary annuity and a unit trust.

For the unit trust, BBN has chosen the Sun Life Managed High Yield Fund. At the end of five years, the payments under the annuity cease and unit trust part of the plan is sold. The aim is that this should produce a lump sum at least equal to the initial investment.

The minimum investment is £5,000. The only management charges relate to the unit trust portion, which carries an initial charge of 5 per cent and an annual management fee of 1 per cent.

## Consumer watchdog urges better deal for account-holders

Better relations between banks and their customers are a priority, according to the Office of Fair Trading. Sir Gordon Borrie's OFT this week told the Banking Services Law Review Committee that a statutory code of practice should be introduced.

The proposal was made in response to a series of questions posed by the committee, headed by Professor R. B. Jack back in March.

The OFT said that it was not in favour of the banks' being required by law to set out the expenses and terms and conditions governing a customer's bank account because it could result in terms and conditions less favourable than those implied by common law. Instead, it recommends a code of practice.

The code would lay down model contract terms and conditions governing the relationship between a bank and its personal customers, to which the banks would be allowed to make additions.

Customers would be given three months notice of a bank's terms and conditions, after which time those who remained customers would be considered to have accepted them. The terms and conditions would cover the rights and obligations of banker and customer, procedures for correcting errors and resolving disputes and the basis for calculating the bank's main charges.

The OFT is particularly concerned that customers do not have any real chance to agree or challenge the bank charges shown on their statements. It recommends that details of the main charges be given to each customer and should be available at all branches. Any changes should be notified in writing at least 30 days in advance.

The OFT also recommends that banks inform all customers about their system for supplying references and that they should not rely on the implied agreement of their customers when giving ref-

## A new code for banks

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erences. Customers should be able to ask that their permission be sought before any reference is given.

On the question of confidentiality, the OFT says information should be disclosed only where required by the courts or with the customer's permission.

The OFT believes the banker-customer relationship should provide for a bank to disclose details of a customer's commitments to credit reference agencies but only with the express agreement of the customer.

The OFT says customers should be allowed access to a bank's factual information about them, including the right to correct it.

As for bank statements, the OFT says customers should not be obliged by law to check



Sir Gordon Borrie: A statutory code is needed

them. Here, the OFT would appear to be pre-empting the possibility that the banks might introduce such a requirement in their terms and conditions to protect themselves. At present, customers are not legally required to check that their statements are accurate.

The OFT says the banking ombudsman scheme should be made to apply to all banks offering retail services and its claims limit should be set higher. It also says that banks should be required to set up internal procedures for handling complaints, to be covered by a statutory code.

The views expressed by the OFT are broadly in line with those of the National Consumer Council, voiced last week.

Evidence is, however, being collected from a wide variety of sources — on the one hand, the providers of banking services and their supporters; on the other, consumers and their spokesmen. But, as Bill Norton, secretary of the committee says, "There is a broad spectrum in between the two extremes. The whole thing is certainly not a confrontation — there is a lot of agreement."

The Jack Committee was set up at the start of the year by the Government and the Bank of England. Its purpose is to examine the law relating to the provision of banking services to both personal and business customers, over a two-year period.

It is gathering evidence in five stages: automatic teller machines and now the banker-customer relationship have been covered. Later this year, cheque legislation will be considered and next year evidence will be collected on the latest developments in banking technology, such as electronic funds transfer at point of sale (EFTPOS) and home banking.

At the end of 1988, the committee will submit a report to the Government.

Amanda Pardoe

## Sid may have nothing on BP

Sid is back. The marketing campaign for Britain's biggest privatization started yesterday, writes Amanda Pardoe. During the coming weeks advertisements will be featured in newspapers and on TV, carrying the slogan *Britain's biggest company, Britain's biggest share offer. BP. Be part of it.*

The Government's sale in the autumn of its remaining 31.5 per cent stake in BP's ordinary shares, together with a new issue of £1,500 million, is expected to raise about £7,500 million at current market prices. Last year's British Gas flotation raised £5,600 million. The offer is being aimed at three broad market sectors: UK private investors, UK financial institutions and overseas capital markets in North America, Europe and Japan.

Large-scale demand is expected from private investors, and the offer is likely to widen as well as deepen share ownership in this country. Though the minimum application level has yet to be announced, it has been indicated that this will be low enough to attract the small investor. Payment will be in three stages.

A feature unique to this privatization issue is that investors who register before a cut-off date, which has yet to be announced, will be

guaranteed an allocation of shares and be given preference if heavy demand results in applications being scaled down. Early registration carries no obligations, so it is worth doing. Of course, if everyone applies early, and the issue is heavily over-subscribed, the allocation may prove small. Nevertheless, there is nothing to lose, so do it. *Family Money* will publish the cut-off date as soon as it is announced.

Existing BP ordinary shareholders will automatically be registered for this scheme, so they do not need to contact the share information office. Other incentives are being considered. One possibility is petrol vouchers but, as with other features of this issue, details are not yet available. Information is being sent directly to about nine million potential private investors in the UK, whose names and addresses have been obtained from the share registers of British companies.

In addition, more than 30,000 professional financial advisers are being mailed.

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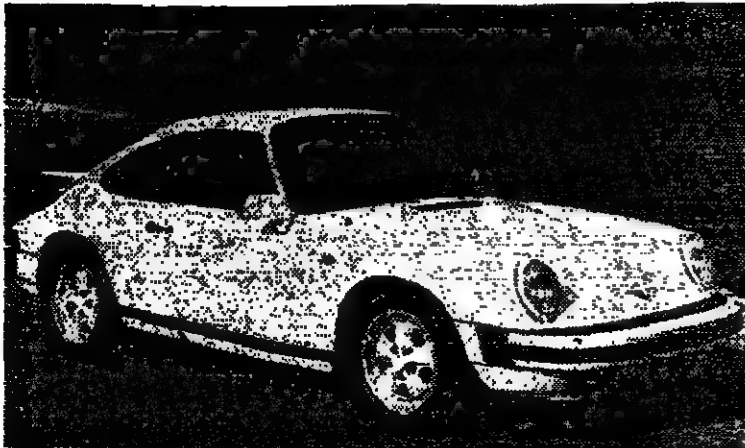
When your motor insurance premium rises on average by 20 per cent a year, you may well wonder if there is any benefit in being a careful driver. The rises are being forced on you by the large and increasing number of road accidents.

In 1980 insurers paid out more than £11 million in claims. By 1985 this had risen to £19 million. As a result, over the last seven years the cost of motor insurance has more than doubled.

The wide variety of policies available means you do have an enormous amount of buying power when it comes to car insurance. By shopping around, there is a very good chance that you could improve on the amount you paid last time.

The motor insurance market is very competitive; some insurance companies are not making any profit from it. Do not shed any tears for them, though, because they are making their buck by investing your money in more profitable areas. Your main concern is to try to find the best deal for yourself.

Rule number one is: do not accept the first quote you are given. Most people use an insurance broker for their motor cover, but the broker may use only a handful of the better-known names. In that case he is not offering you much choice and will almost certainly not be getting you the cheapest deal.



The driver of a Porsche usually has to pay a £500 insurance excess

Of course the cheapest policy is unlikely to be the most comprehensive. By and large, you get what you pay for and policies with add-ons such as breakdown cover and hire-car discount will naturally be among the most expensive.

It is simply a question of assessing your needs and not just accepting what you are given. The normal additions include personal accident and medical expenses cover, loss of personal effects, breakdown recovery, hire-car and windscreen replacement.

The bigger companies such as General Accident, GRE, Commercial Union, Royal and Eagle Star will offer most or all of these in their range of policies.

But if all you want is some third-

party cover for the rare occasions when you actually use the car, you should try the smaller companies, including the Lloyd's of London syndicates that specialise in motor cover.

The policies they offer are generally less cluttered with extras, and because the syndicates do not have the overheads involved in running a branch network, they can afford to price their policies more keenly and tailor policies to individual circumstances.

Clearly if you want cheap car insurance, you should avoid living in a city, you should have a good

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few years' driving under your belt and you should keep your family car (no two-seaters) in a garage.

Our case studies illustrate the point perfectly. The mature driver living in the home counties pays a lot less than the boy-racer living in the big smoke.

There are other ways to cut down your costs. For example, most insurers offer drivers the chance to take a voluntary excess, meaning that a discount is given if the driver agrees to pay the first £50 or £100 of any claim. Some do not give you any choice and it is now quite common to find an excess already included in the price. A Porsche driver will usually face a £500 excess.

If you cannot afford the premiums for your car insurance, ask the company or the broker if you can pay in three or six monthly instalments. Quite a few companies will now accept business on this basis.

In true silly-season style, we asked a range of insurance companies to quote for a 25-year-old alcoholic trapeze artist living in London and driving a powerful sports car. Only one company was willing to take the proposition seriously and quoted £5,000 for cover including accidental damage and third party, but not theft.

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## CASE 1

Thirty-year-old man living in Coventry, driving a 1983 Volvo 244 DL with a market value of £4,000. He has two years' no-claim bonuses and wants his wife included in the insurance, which is fully comprehensive.

The cheapest quotes are from Sentry, £325.00; Renown, £336.00; Ansvar, £349.50; Orion, £354.30; General Accident and Pegasus at Lloyd's, £384.00.

## CASE 2

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The cheapest quotes are from Norwich Union, £1,429; St Katherine's, £1,580; Drake, £1,855; Cloverleaf, £1,960; Excess, £2,778.

## CASE 3

A 50-year-old man living in Watford, driving a 1982 Vauxhall Cavalier with a market value of £3,300, that is kept in a garage when not in use. He qualifies for full no claims discount and requires fully comprehensive insurance for himself only.

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## Pushing pensions

The inevitable propaganda blitz for personal pensions has started, even though they will not be available until next year. Hardly surprising when you consider that all retail financial institutions — banks, building societies, insurance companies and fund management groups — will want a slice of a brand new market consisting of as many as 20 million adults.

At issue is the government plan to scale down the state earnings-related pension scheme (Serps), making it so unattractive that people will opt for a personal pension instead.

But Serps contributors are not the only target for the banks and the others, although so far the marketing effort to entice people from occupational schemes has been encouragingly responsible.

Pensions advice issued this week by two leading insurance companies, Pearl and Sun Life, stresses that occupa-

tional scheme members will usually be best advised to stay put. Pearl has opened a pensions hotline on (01) 430-1965.

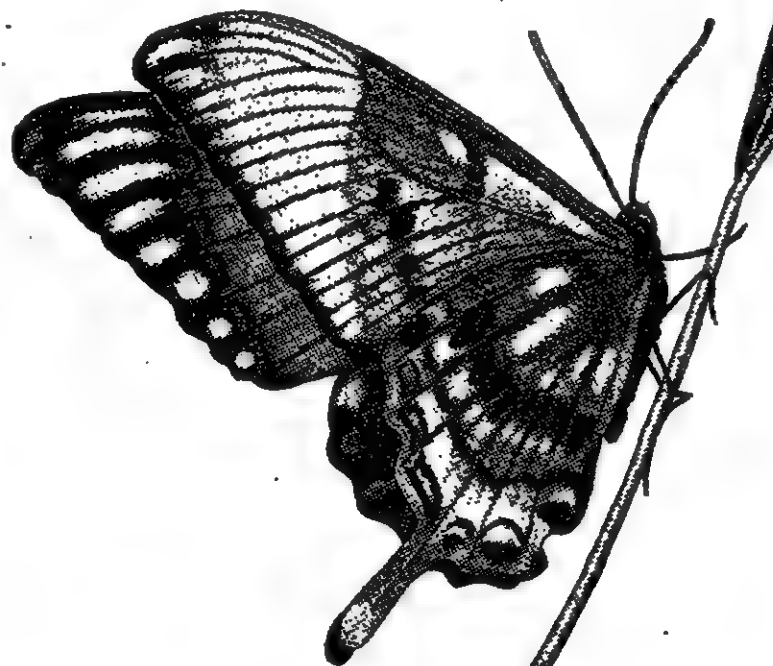
And new in the bookshops this week is a £2.95 paperback entitled *Your New Pensions Choice* from Tolley Publishing.

But while the commercial marketing gets under way, confusion reigns at the DHSS, the Government department instrumental in fueling the pensions revolution. A routine inquiry this week by *The Times* about the Government's proposed publicity campaign on pensions was met with a denial that there had been any change to the original plans.

That did not tie in with information from another source. An embarrassed DHSS official subsequently had to admit that she had not been informed by her own colleagues that a nationwide autumn roadshow had been abandoned.

Peter Gartland

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If you were to seek out a High Court judge at this time of year you'd be more likely to find him on the beach than on the bench, reports Edward Fennell

## Justice takes a long holiday

In the summertime, my Lady Justice folds her scales, sheathes her sword, dons her shades, and goes to seek the sun. Try ringing her at the Royal Courts of Justice and you'll find that she has gone away leaving her servants to take their ease. The phone goes unanswered, the Summons room is unattended.

Even her suitors and petitioners, who live around her halls, forego their plants. The Citizens' Advice Bureau attached to the Royal Courts declines to take on business "due to staff shortages". And when I took my grievance to the National Council for Civil Liberties I received no satisfaction - the Legal Officer was vacationing.

Injustice it seems is allowed to flourish in the summer, content in the knowledge that it would face no challenge. Judges, probation officers and court officials are fled. Little children can languish in children's homes waiting for adoption while proceedings are delayed. And tracking down a solicitor in the summer is almost as difficult as earning a living from legal aid.

Even outside London the case is the same. At the Combined Court Centre in Southampton, for example, there were no courts sitting at all this week. There might be two next week I was told, but that is only half the normal number. "August is always a slack month," said a spokeswoman.

And life in the overcrowded prisons is made no easier. The numbers on remand pending trial can rise significantly while the judges tend their gardens. As one assistant prison governor said: "Anything which causes delay in getting to court obviously adds to the backlog."

The summer hold-up, however, has not gone unnoticed. The National Consumer Council, while recently commenting on the latest consultation paper of the Civil Justice Review, came out forcefully in favour of an end to the High Court's summer vacation. And neither was it very happy that the court excused itself for a total of five weeks over Christmas and Easter. "We do not think this can be justified," exclaimed the NCC. "Both the County Court and the High Court sections of the new integrated court should work the same



weeks of the year as other businesses."

Indeed, the Civil Justice Review itself had strong words to say on the subject. Set up in February 1985 with the aim of "improving the machinery of civil justice in England and Wales by means of reform in court administration to reduce justice", the Review team could not overlook the length of the holidays.

"In the High Court the long vacation lasts for two months and there are three other vacations taking up 20 further working weekdays," explained the Review. "This plainly holds up the progress of business and is wasteful of staff and accommodation. The maximum of sitting days achievable by a High Court judge, given the existing vacation system, is 190 a year."

Not, it admits, that no concession whatsoever is made to the need for law in summer. A characteristically British token gesture is made through the notional availability of a "vacation judge". But this is seen by the Review to be inadequate. Frankly, "If you were to seek out a High Court judge at this time of year you would be more likely to find him on the beach than the bench."

"What now needs seriously to be considered is whether formal vacations need to be abolished and what new arrangements should be made to provide leave for members of the judiciary."

suggested the Review before going on to notice that "Circuit judges have a target of 210 sitting days each per year, their sittings not being regulated by formal vacations. It is for further consideration whether over a period High Court judge sittings might be raised to the same level."

The NCC was by no means so polite in highlighting long holidays as the soft underbelly of the judiciary's cosseted and privileged existence. The NCC argues bluntly that the law should be there to serve the public and "like other businesses" it needs to be open during the hours of the day and the weeks of the year which suits its customers. (The NCC even had the temerity to suggest that courts should sit in the early evening "to see if this suits the needs of people who are at work or looking after children during the day".)

Even among other members of the legal profession no holidays compare with those of the High Court judges. Most major law firms report annual leave for partners as somewhere between four and six weeks, though they make the point that the more important you are the longer the leave you are likely to get.

Accountants meanwhile plod on patiently through the barren waste of August. And at super-energized Arthur Andersen, for example, there is no concession whatsoever to any summer let-up. "Life goes on at the same pace as at any other time of the year," said spokesman John Newton. "We've got people out organizing courses, doing special investigations and working away normally because we've still got to get things done."

"The only distinguishing feature about this time of year is that there is a certain amount of frustration that other people aren't around to do the same."

Of course judges need holidays. But the question is whether they ought to be either as long as at present or at such fixed times. Even schools are moving away from the idea of a major holiday in the summer in favour of shorter breaks spread throughout the year.

With reform in the City now assured, the time has surely come for the Law to step in line with the times.

## New claim must be material

Fannon and Another v Backhouse

Before Lord Justice Nourse and Sir Rousley Cumming-Bruce [Judgment July 30]

Section 35(5) of the Limitation Act 1980 which provided that a new claim might be added to a pending action if that claim arose out of the same or substantially same facts which were already "in issue on" a claim in the original action meant that the new claim had to be material to the previous claim.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the defendant, Graham Winston Backhouse, from a decision of Judge Fallon, QC, who on April 2, 1986 ordered that the plaintiffs, James Patrick Fannon and J. P. Fannon & Sons (Contractors) be allowed to amend their statement of claim.

Mr Mark Blackett-Ord for the defendant; Mr P.W. Birds for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the plaintiffs were a company carrying on business as a building contractor and its managing director. In 1978 the defendant was carrying on a farming business in partnership with his father.

The father died in January 1979 and probate of his will was granted in June 1979 to the defendant and Mr Gouldsmith, a solicitor. In October 1981 the writ in the action was issued against the defendant alone.

The statement of claim alleged agreements in 1978 between the plaintiffs and the partnership whereby the plaintiffs agreed to construct and carry out works to a barn on the partnership land in consideration of which the partnership would convey certain pieces of

land to the plaintiffs and pay an unspecified sum.

The statement of claim referred to the father as being deceased but no claim was made either by writ or statement of claim against the defendant as executor of his father's will. The claim was against the defendant personally for specific performance of the alleged agreement, damages in lieu and for the payment of £13,343 in respect of the works.

The defence admitted an agreement by the father to convey the land but denied that any moneys were owing to the plaintiffs. No step in the action was taken between June 1983 and July 1985.

The reason for the delay was the arrest and imprisonment of the defendant on charges of murder and attempted murder. He was convicted of both charges and sentenced to life imprisonment. Under his father's will the defendant had an absolute reversionary interest in the residuary estate, expectant on the determination of his mother's life interest.

Before he was convicted and sentenced the defendant assigned his reversionary interest to his mother, thus divesting himself of all interest in his father's residuary estate. His other assets were of little or no value.

It might be that intelligence in due course reached the plaintiffs and they might have realized that success in the action against the defendant might be fruitless.

In March 1986 the plaintiffs issued a summons for an order that Mr Gouldsmith be joined as second defendant to the action and that the plaintiffs be at liberty to amend the statement of claim so as to add a claim against the defendant and

Mr Gouldsmith as executors of the father's will.

Although that summons was not addressed to the defendant it was served on him at prison under cover of a letter stating that it was an application to join Mr Gouldsmith as an additional defendant but did not state that leave was being sought to add a claim against the defendant as executor of his father's will.

On March 27, 1986 the land was conveyed to the plaintiffs and the only live claim was the payment of £13,343. The defendant was neither present nor represented when the judge made the order in the terms sought in the summons. Mr Gouldsmith subsequently had the order against him set aside and the defendant was granted leave to appeal out of time.

The plaintiffs' action against the estate being one founded on simple contract, became statute-barred under section 5 of the Limitation Act 1980 on August 15, 1984, six years after the date by which the plaintiffs alleged the work was completed. At that date the action was still constituted against the defendant alone and in his personal capacity only.

Accordingly, the plaintiffs could only amend their proceedings so as to sue the defendant in his capacity as executor if section 35 of the 1980 Act were satisfied. Section 35(5) provided that the rules of court might provide for allowing a new claim if the claim involved a new cause of action arising out of the same or substantially the same facts as were already in issue or in the case of a claim involving a new party, if the addition or substitution of the new party was necessary for the determination of the original action.

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## Contract prevents late completion claim

Temloc Ltd v Errill Properties Ltd

Where parties to a contract on the JCT Standard Form of Building Contract (1980 edition, Private with Quantities) had not struck out clause 24 (which provided for damages for non or late completion) but had agreed that the rate at which liquidated damages under clause 24.1 would be calculated should be nil, that was an exhaustive agreement as to damages for late completion, and there was no scope for any claim for unliquidated damages for late completion or for any implied

term that work should be completed within a reasonable time which would give rise to any further claim for damages.

The requirements in clause 25.3.3 that the best estimate of completion date "not later than... 12 months from the date of practical completion" was directory only, as to time, and did not constitute a condition precedent to the operation of clause 24.2.2.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Nourse) so held on July 29, dismissing an appeal by employers, Errill Properties Ltd, from a decision of Judge Hilditch, sitting on official referee's business in Nottingham, who had held, *inter alia*, that the employers were not entitled to damages for late completion from the contractors, Temloc Ltd.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that damages for late completion was one head of damages which the employers might be able to recover for the contractors' breach of contract. Their character was not, in any way, altered according to

whether the rate of damages had been agreed in advance and included in the contract or determined by the court as unliquidated damages after the event.

Clause 24 dealt comprehensively with the employers' right to damages for late completion, whether liquidated or not. It was impossible to attribute to the parties an intention that the employers should have the option of claiming unliquidated damages when they had expressly agreed that liquidated damages of the same character should be nil.

Sir Rousley Cumming-Bruce agreed. Solicitors: Lawrence Tuckett, Bristol; Crossmans, Thornbury.

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RACING: LAST SATURDAY'S NEWBURY WINNER HAS THE ASSISTANCE OF CHAMPION JOCKEY IN SEARCH FOR QUICK FOLLOW-UP

# The Mechanic tuned up for sprint prize

By Mandarin  
The Mechanic, successful at Newbury last Saturday, is expected to defend his title in the Sandown Park Handicap at Sandown Park this afternoon.  
He indicated a return to winning form was at hand with a fourth to the multiple winner, Gallant Hope, over course and distance, last month, and duly confirmed that impression with a length victory over Pendor Dancer in a valuable Newbury contest a week ago.  
He is at his best on fast ground, and is generally ridden to best advantage when brought with a late run. The ground conditions seem assured, and this particularly stiff track - plus the assistance of Pat Eddery in the saddle - should bring out the best in his powerful finishing.  
Gallant Hope re-opposes on fifth worst terms, and although strictly on form he should confirm previous Sandown placings. The Mechanic's return to his best suggests he is an improved horse now.  
All is forgiven him well when second last time but has not won for three seasons, while Cree Bay, second to the improved Umbelata here last month, can be a difficult horse with which to win.  
Crown Ridge can gain compensation for his narrow defeat by Loud Appeal in a valuable Goodwood handicap earlier this month by taking the International Leisure Group Handicap.  
He looked all over the winner until Loud Appeal regained the advantage in the dying strides, and a reproduction of that run would put him in here with an outstanding chance.  
Fahad holds Operatic Score on Haydock Park running last month, but a greater danger may be Henryk, a fine fourth to Broken Hearted in the Exel Handicap at Goodwood.  
The Sportsman Club Handicap is a fascinating contest which may rest between All Is Revealed and Smart Salute. The front-running All Is Revealed goes well here, having won twice over course and distance, and is in good heart with two wins from his last three starts.  
However, 10st 3lb is plenty to carry over this trip and Smart Salute, a very easy Yarmouth scorer last time on her first attempt at 11st miles, can continue to improve.  
At Chester, the listed Berry Magical Surefire Chester Stakes can go to last year's Derby third, Mashkour. He subsequently ran well in, without being quite good enough to win, a series of group races, notably when a head second to Nisnas in the York Two Great Voltaire Stakes at York. This is his best opportunity for some while and he can capitalize on it despite his lengthy absence.  
Peter Easterby can complete a double in the two other sponsored races on the programme with Knights Secret (2.15) and the consistent juvenile Passion King (2.45).  
The feature race at Ripon is the always-competitive Great St Wilfrid Handicap. It takes a good three-year-old to win it - Soha and Never So Bold are recent winners from that age group - and with Pick Of The Pack and Nafiat seeming to have their share of weight I side with a previous winner of this race, Nisnas, at the odds of 10-1, who retains plenty of ability.

# Reference Point has slight set-back

The trainer could have another colt in the same classic mould as Reference Point in Sandown, who stretched his unbeaten sequence to four when dominating throughout in the Glen International Stakes at Sandown yesterday.  
Hills now quote the colt 12-1 joint favourite with Warming for the 2,000 Guineas while Corals make him 16-1 favourite for the Derby. The upshot could be that the colt will appear in the year in the Royal Lodge Stakes, over a mile at Ascot on September 26.  
Saquinque's success put Caution on the 13-1 mark, two ahead of Pat Eddery, who completed a double on Green's Old Master and Tallula.  
Green's Old Master clipped more than three seconds off the nine-furlong track record in the BTRB Handicap.  
Tallula, a five-length winner of the 1986 Aintree Stakes, now goes to Ireland for the Mount Coote Matron Stakes at the Curragh on September 13.

# Williams rethinks Phoenix objection

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin  
Robert Williams, the Newmarket trainer, has withdrawn his objection against the judge's decision to place his runner, Ship Of Fools, fourth rather than third in the Heinz - 577 Phoenix Stakes 12 days ago.  
This decision follows the receipt by Williams of the photo finish print which showed that the Vincent O'Brien-trained Fairy Gold had indeed beaten Ship Of Fools by a short head for the minor placing.  
Fairy Gold, the only filly and the only Irish-trained starter to figure in the first five in that group one race, reappears over the same course and distance this afternoon in the group three Oldtown Stud Debutante Stakes.  
She will be hard to beat as she receives 3lb from both English challengers Angelina Ballarina and Tricky Note.  
It is not easy to separate this pair as they finished almost alongside one another when fourth and fifth behind Princess Athena in the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot.  
Angelina Ballarina probably holds slightly more room for improvement and she is nominated as the likely runner-up to Fairy Gold who should win with something to spare.  
In the other £25,000 event, O'Brien has no outside competition to his three-year-old Golden Temple, who was so unluckily beaten by Just Class at Leopardstown when chasing a treble.  
On that occasion Cash Asmusen over-did the waiting tactics on the odds-on favourite and he is unlikely to repeat that error today.

## SANDOWN PARK

By Mandarin  
2.00 Tolo.  
2.30 Tolo.  
3.05 THE MECHANIC (nap).  
3.35 Right Path.  
4.10 Crown Ridge.  
4.40 Smart Salute.  
5.15 Silence The Wind.  
Michael Seely's selection: 4.40 Smart Salute.  
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.15 SILENCE THE WIND.

## 3.35 BERNARD SUNLEY SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O; 23.34.5; 7 (13 runners))

403 (9) 00000 CHAMPAGNE DANCER 25 (Champion Race) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
404 (9) 00000 MEDALLION ROW 18 (R) (A) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
405 (9) 00000 NIGHT PATH 18 (R) (A) M O'Leary 9-7 W R Sweeney 91  
406 (9) 00000 VALUED COLLECTION 7 (G) (R) M O'Leary 9-7 W R Sweeney 91  
407 (9) 00000 FELD HEATH 28 (R) (W) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
408 (9) 00000 SRI STANFORD 15 (G) (T) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
409 (9) 00000 LADY LUCY 18 (G) (S) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
410 (9) 00000 STORMY EVE 18 (G) (S) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
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## 2.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS' FUND GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O; 23.32.5; 1m (10 runners))

101 (9) 41 BIRAN 24 (G) (F) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
102 (9) 41 TOLO 22 (G) (F) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
103 (9) 41 ABOVE THE WIND 22 (G) (F) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
104 (9) 41 DREAMING STAR 22 (G) (F) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
105 (9) 41 KOURU (Shahin Mohammed) C Eddery 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
106 (9) 41 PATENIER (A) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
107 (9) 41 ROWLANDSONS GEM 10 (Rowlandson) L M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
108 (9) 41 THROUS 18 (G) (F) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
109 (9) 41 CLASSIC CONNECTION 4-1 (F) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
110 (9) 41 PATENIER (A) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92

## 4.10 INTERNATIONAL LEISURE GROUP HANDICAP (3-Y-O; 25.87.2; 1m 2f (9 runners))

501 (9) 314 WHISTLE 34 (F) (A) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
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201 (9) 312000 KING'S CHURCH 24 (G) (F) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
202 (9) 312000 LAURENCE 24 (G) (F) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
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301 (11) 0-31300 DEPUTY HEAD 57 (D) (F) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
302 (11) 0-31300 DEPUTY HEAD 57 (D) (F) M Usher 9-7 R Cochrane 92  
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# Terraces must stand up against the mindless minority

By Ian Stafford

Jack Crawford's presence yesterday at the Football Association's official inquiry into last weekend's football violence was for an educational purpose. The Football League's new anti-hooligan officer, whose first day at work last Monday could not have been timed more appropriately, was there to listen to a new determination to stamp out trouble.

His capacity at the meeting was one of an observer, not decision-maker. Yet, after presenting his own planned proposals, based on 37 years of watching football crowds, Crawford hopes that the game itself will benefit from the lessons he intends to teach.

It seems there are few men better qualified to tackle the hooligan headache. The various pleas of caution and utterances of an isolated incident in the seaside town from those worried voices of the game echoed with emphasis when further fighting and arrests took place at Portsmouth on Tuesday night. The appointment of Crawford, an admission that the game has a real problem, should at least pay dividends.

The former Assistant Chief Constable of Merseyside, aged 57, found himself immediately walking in front of the Liverpool Kop after joining the force in 1950. In his own words: a painful experience for a lifelong Everton supporter. As Chief Constable for Operations on Merseyside, he was ultimately responsible for all crowd control at Liverpool. Everton "and, don't forget Tranmere."

For the last four years he has also been a representative in the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) investigating hooliganism at sporting events, and during the summer he worked with the Football League in an advisory capacity.

Not that the anti-hooligan officer quite sees himself as the man hired to save the game. "There really is no magic formula for this problem," he pleaded yesterday. "What has to be realized is that these hooligans create problems wherever they go. Don't just think it happens at football matches. Given the opportunity, these people will cause trouble at the drop of a hat. The kids revel in creating violence and drag the yobs in with them. There is little I

can physically do except draw on the system to exclude those intent on destroying the game. I am really just another arm of the Football League, nothing more."

His employers at Lytham St Anne's see Crawford encompassing two main roles: to help the clubs introduce membership schemes, and advising them - and the police - on how best they should employ crowd control. But Crawford has more far-reaching plans than these.

"We have all got to take a breathing space and assess the situation," he believes. "We always cry for action but only provide defensive measures. Luton have decided to tackle the problem, but have penalized the fans for the few. While we continue to hit the fans hard, the mindless minority always win. Just for a change I want to introduce preventive, not negative, measures."

It is the supporters who, according to Crawford, hold the answer. "This is everyone's responsibility and it really has to be the terraces that clear up the trouble." Fresh with ideas gathered from various trips throughout Europe, Crawford is eager

to introduce a new dimension into the game.

"In parts of Europe the supporters have a major say in the running of their clubs. They attend the meetings and almost act as shareholders. Before a match the rival fans will even play each other in a friendly. That is the key. The fans must get more involved with their clubs."

"We must develop fan clubs in England and, in particular, football in the community. The clubs with the all-weather pitches provide an invaluable service. At Oldham and Preston the kids can use the same pitch their team play on all day to broaden their interest in football and keep them out of trouble. More important than banning supporters and making matches all-tickets, crucial as they are, in the short-term, we must ultimately give the game to the fans."

That is, primarily, what Jack Crawford seems to be. Not so much a police officer, nor a representative from a sporting governing body, but rather just a supporter who fell for the game years ago. "We have got to protect the kids' future and one of the best ways is to sell them football."

## HOCKEY

### England a step nearer the last four

From Sydney Friskin Moscow

England... 4  
Belgium... 1

England's random harvest in the fifth European Championship continued here yesterday with a decisive victory over Belgium after they had defeated Italy 7-0 on the first day.

There are three matches to play in group A, against Scotland, Spain and The Netherlands and a continuation of their present form should ensure a place for England in the semi-finals. England's worst enemy could be complacency.

England had beaten the Belgians 4-1 in Brussels recently and yesterday's victory was a 4-0 last half-time.

Kerly provided a dream start for England by scoring in the second minute from Batcheval's centre. Five minutes later Barber converted a short corner.

Another short corner in the twentieth minute gave way to a long one, from which a shot by Barber went up in the air and Cliff, nicely positioned, knocked it into goal. Eight minutes before the interval, the Belgian goalkeeper fell on the ball after saving it from Barber's corner, which led to a scramble.

Belgium surprised England's defence when Melotte scored in the third minute of the second half and there was danger again for England when the Belgians forced another short corner, which led to a scramble.

At the other end, Barber's shot from England's sixth short corner missed the target and after that they lost some of their concentration. England's lead might have been reduced further if Belgium's captain, Guissot, had not missed in the closing minutes from a penalty stroke.

Scotland achieved their first victory of the tournament by beating Italy 1-0 earlier in the day, but they left it until the 66th minute to seal the match, which they could have won more convincingly had they capitalized on their short corners.

Leiper, who scored, scooped the ball into the net, his earlier efforts at striking it from the top of the circle having proved unsuccessful.

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# Gatting is no stranger in Paradise

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

**LORD'S: The Rest of the World, with seven first innings wickets in hand, are 286 runs behind MCC.**

There is no better pitch than a good English pitch for a batsman's gratification. This one at Lord's for the bi-centenary match between MCC and the Rest of the World makes the point. After two days' play 624 runs have been scored and eight wickets lost, the Rest being 169 for, three in reply to MCC's 455 for five declared.

If MCC have the edge, that can be attributed to the bowling of Marshall. In the way he dismissed Vengaskar yesterday evening he reminded us that even from the flattest pitches the great West Indians can strike a spark.

Being in trouble with his follow-through from the umpires at both ends when bowling over the wicket, Marshall had switched to bowling round, and he got the odd ball to lift quite sharply, off one of which Vengaskar was caught at wide slip off the handle of the bat. As early as the second ball of the Rest's innings Marshall had looked to all the world to have Gavaskar before him, but the umpire Bird judged that it would just have missed the leg stump.

Marshall had Haynes beautifully caught low at first slip by Rice, falling to his right. Bowling very fast and trying his utmost, Marshall had Vengaskar next. There was nothing remotely uncompetitive about this. But when Marshall had to rest, Holding, Patterson and Walsh, or Garner, Davis and Gray were not lining up to show that what he could do, they could do, too. Instead, Shastri and Embury bowled for the last hour and



responsibility of Test cricket. This is what dreams are made of, ours as well as Gatting's.

Having been counted a liability by many for so long, he is now English cricket's greatest batting asset. As an inhabitant of Lord's he will become as famous as Patsy Hendren. Since the start of the fourth Test match four weeks ago he has made 688 runs at an average of 98. This was his fourth hundred in that time — two of them for England, one for Middlesex and now the highest score yet made in one of these MCC anniversary games.

In 1887 a Shrewsbury and Stockport, going in first for England, against the club, added 266 and scored 152 and 151 respectively. Yesterday Gatting and Rice had put on 201 when Gatting declared, having just been bowled trying

to run Walsh down to third man off the leg stump.

Rice was playing for South Africa as well as MCC. You could sense that from his determination. Not being in quite his best form, he had to try all the harder. He batted for three and a half hours and will be well pleased to have done so.

Gatting's innings lasted for five and a quarter hours and contained 26 fours, most of them off the back foot, played either through the covers with a flat bat or towards third man with an open face. It was as well for the bowlers that he was not hooking as well as he can.

Despite a new ball, taken in the second over of the day, the Rest of the World were soon back on the defensive. As he had done when the match started, Inman went off his full run; but to no avail. Forty-six runs came in nine overs, 70 in the first hour and 136 in two hours before lunch, of which Gatting's share was 90. The Rest had to make do without Qadir again, owing to a bruised forefinger on his bowling hand. The declaration came 25 minutes into the afternoon with plenty of batting still left.

MCC have turned even Lord's into a landing area for parachutists. On Thursday we had listened to the band of the Coldstream Guards. They suited the occasion perfectly and will be back today, all being well.

Yesterday no sooner had the lunch interval started than the ground became a war zone and it quite defeated me why. Those who found the target, and they jumped so well that I am sure they all did, were not, in fact, members of Kerry Packer's private army, dressed though they were for battling in the blue tin helmets that Essex favour.

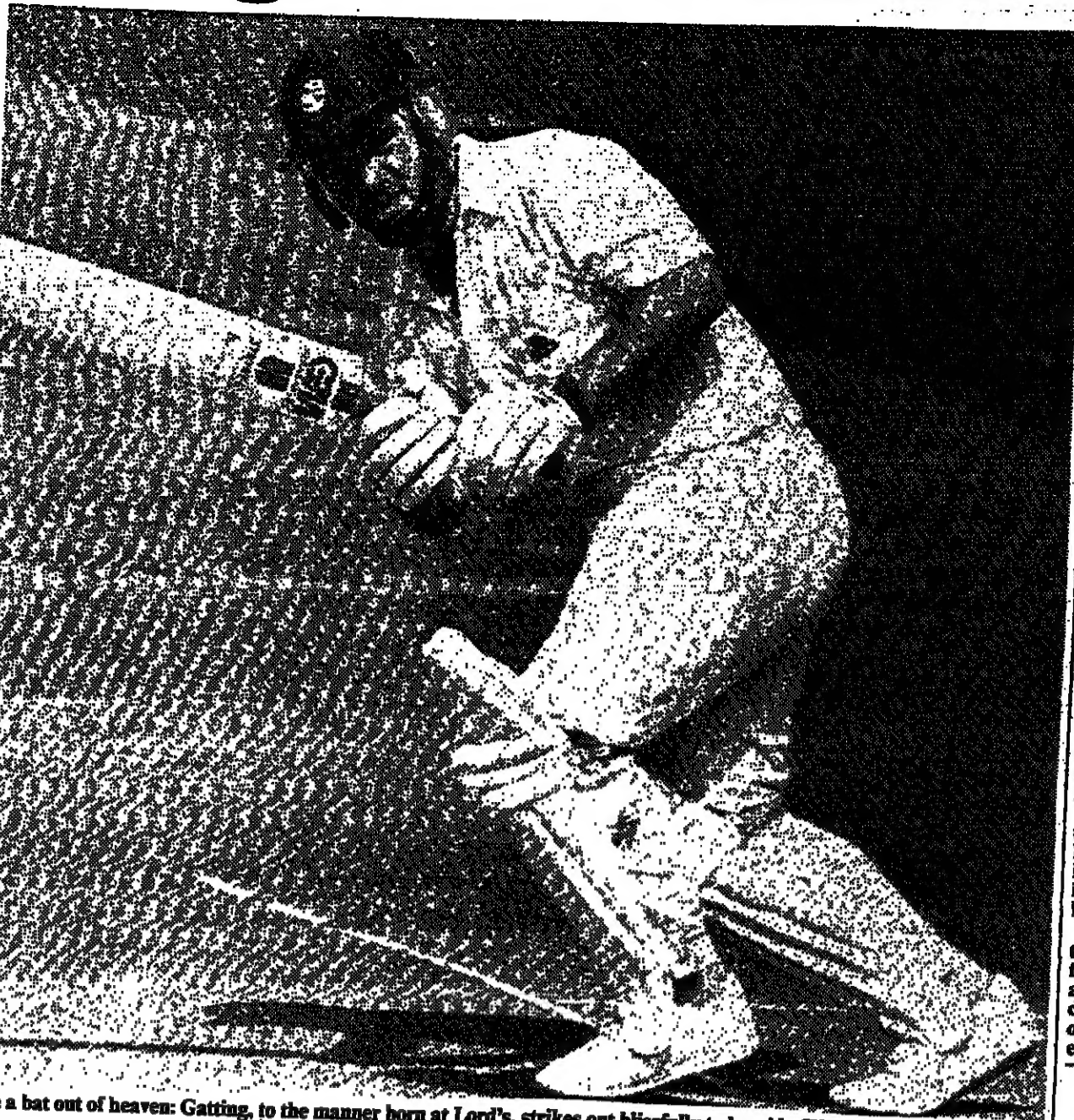
Whether Gatting would have declared when he did, had he been captaincy England, I rather doubt. Perhaps if he had had to win the match at all costs he would have done, and with Marshall bowling he did he had no reason to regret it, especially when with 25 minutes left Shastri picked up Border's wicket with the help of another fine catch by Rice, this time at extra cover, running and then diving to his left.

The pleasure which the South African's catching gave the West Indians and Indian alike showed how the game can and should be used as a unifying force.

Gavaskar, by the way, has never scored a hundred at Lord's, and now that he has announced his impending retirement this will be positively his last chance.

somebody who has had a good meal and is offered more. I am not hungry for cricket any more.

Gavaskar has scored 10,122 runs, with 34 centuries, from 125 Test matches — and each of the three figures constitutes a record.



Like a bat out of heaven: Gatting, to the manner born at Lord's, strikes out blissfully to leg side (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

## Wolves fined £5,000

By Ian Stafford

Wolverhampton Wanderers have been fined £5,000 following a joint Football Association and Football League inquiry into last Saturday's crowd trouble at Scarborough. The inquiry, which took place yesterday in Scarborough, also ruled that

Wolverhampton's next six away games, from September 1, must be all-ticket.

Scarborough, whose Seamer Road ground sustained damage amounting to £20,000 last weekend during the violence, were completely exonerated.

After the hearing the John Fawcett, the Scarborough vice-chairman, seemed satisfied: "It was a very fair hearing and I was impressed in the way the inquiry was conducted," he said. Graham Turner, the Wolverhampton manager, said: "The hearing went very well."

Les McKay, the chairman of the FA Disciplinary Committee, made the point that the inquiry was attempting to hit the culprits involved in the violence without hitting the innocent supporters. "This decision is not an attempt to punish the loyal supporters but is an effort to get rid of the small element which causes this trouble. We hope there is a remedy to this continuing problem."

Apart from the official fine of £5,000, Wolverhampton are still facing the possibility of paying out a further sum of compensation to Scarborough who have requested a sizeable donation from the West Midlands club to cover the cost of their ground repairs.

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## Lyle's misery complete as guillotine falls

By Mitchell Platt, Golf Correspondent

The most traumatic year in the life of Sandy Lyle continued at Royal Birkdale yesterday when he became the most notable victim of the half-way guillotine in the Lawrence Batley International.

Lyle managed only one birdie in another lacklustre 74 as Mark O'Meara, of the United States, moved ahead with a course-record round of 64 that included six birdies and an eagle on a perfect day for low scoring.

For Lyle, however, it was a catastrophic day. "I am hitting behind the ball, dufling shots and I've lost my composure and tempo," he admitted. "My mind is just not with it. I'm playing my worst golf since I turned professional and I feel like going to get drunk."

The only morsel of comfort for Lyle came from Tony Jacklin, the European Ryder Cup captain, who finalizes his team a week tomorrow by picking three players to join the nine who automatically qualify. "Sandy still features strongly in my thinking and I wouldn't want him to think otherwise," said Jacklin.

Yet there is growing concern that Lyle's domestic problems — he separated from his wife, Christine, three months ago — have dented the mental strength required to correct the physical faults tampering with his swing.

Lyle accepts that his marriage problems have not helped his confidence and he has gone on record as saying: "I am now taking out my frustrations on the golf course."

### Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	425	4	10	397	4
2	419	4	11	411	4
3	411	4	12	188	3
4	208	3	13	308	4
5	258	4	14	201	3
6	452	4	15	549	5
7	152	3	16	416	4
8	450	4	17	657	5
9	416	4	18	474	4

Out 3357 35 In 3965 37  
Total yardage: 7022 Par: 72

I have to do that. You can destroy yourself if you dwell on what's happened."

Even as he trudged wearily off the Lancashire links, there were photographers seeking pictures of the PGA European Tour's Dutch physiotherapist, Jolande Huurman, who has been a companion to Lyle recently. "We are just friends," Lyle insisted.

So these are unquestionably awkward times for one of the most amiable and talented players in the game. His meteoric rise reached a pinnacle in 1985 when he won the Open Championship, although for two years now he has failed to win on the European circuit.

Lyle did win the Tournament Players' Championship in March — his second success on the US Tour — but since the news of his separation he has won only £43,355 in eight tournaments in Europe. Jacklin said: "I'm very sorry Sandy is so down. There have been domestic problems and this has been building up. He needs to get lost, go away to a South Sea island and get fed up there and come back fresh."

In fact, Lyle will seek a more conventional solution by turning once again to his professional father, Alex, who has coached him from the age of three. "I'm not playing in the German Open next week so I will spend the time practising at Hawkstone Park with my dad," Lyle said. "I'll practice and practice until I get it right."

Jacklin added: "With regard to Sandy's selection for the Ryder Cup, there is no absolute guarantee and I've said all along that I would wait until after the German Open before making my final decision."

O'Meara's flawless performance, following only one practice round, deserves to be applauded. He now has a nine-under-par aggregate at 135 and a one-stroke lead from Andrew Oldcorn (68) and David Feherty (69).

Nick Faldo threatened to move past O'Meara after gathering six birdies and an eagle during an exciting 11-hole run from the third. However, he dropped a shot at the 16th and with a 65 he finished on 137, alongside Howard Clark (65) and Bob E. Smith (70), of the United States.

Ove Selberg, of Sweden, kept his hopes of a Ryder Cup debut alive by compiling a 69 for a score of 142, while Eamonn Darcy survived the half-way cut with four birdies in his last six holes for a 68.

Leading second round scores (68 or less) unless stated: 135: M O'Meara (US), 67: 69: 137: M Faldo, 72: 65: 138: D Lowndes, 69: 69: 139: G J Brand, 69: 70: 5: 70: 70: P Carson (Irel), 70: 70: N Hansen, 68: 72: J Woodman, 70: 70: S Bennett, 72: 68: 141: L Lamore (US), 73: 68: J Lane, 70: 71: M King, 74: 68: A Johnston (Zam), 75: 66: D Smyth, 70: 71: C Mason, 74, 67.

## Lewis decides on three events only

From Pat Batcher, Athletics Correspondent, West Berlin

Carl Lewis, who was on his way to the United States' pre-world championships camp in Stuttgart, confirmed here yesterday that he would be defending the two titles and share of a third that he won in Helsinki. Which means that Lewis will run the 100m and

relay, and compete in the long jump in Rome in the second world championships, which run from August 29 to September 6.

It will be a surprise to many people that Lewis has chosen to defend his 100m title against Ben Johnson, who he has not beaten in two years, rather than opt for the 200m, which, on present form, he should win easily. But to Lewis's credit, he implied that he had never considered not competing in the 100m — "I wouldn't be running the 100 if I thought I couldn't win it."

Lewis tried to play down the rivalry with Johnson, but then said: "It is one thing to run great times, and there is no question that Ben is running great times. He's a great sprinter. But he only just beat me in Seville [10.06 to 10.07sec on May 28] and I'm running much better now."

Lewis neglected to mention that Johnson is also running much better now, and Johnson maintains that he was injured in the Seville race.

The quadruple Olympic champion's decision against that Calvin Smith will be favourite to retain the title that he won in Helsinki in 1983.

● Sabine Busch yesterday bettered the existing world record for 400 metres hurdles in the East German championships at Potsdam with 53.24sec, although her time is inferior to the thus far unrivalled mark of 52.94sec set by Marina Stepanova, of the Soviet Union, in Tashkent last September. The previous "official" record stood to Stepanova at 53.32sec.

Board resigns

Professor Ali Uras, president of the board of the Turkish Football Federation, resigned yesterday in protest over a Sports Ministry decision to suspend all league games until court orders over disputes between the football body and some clubs are implemented. The other 14 members of the board also resigned, alleging outside interference.

Home defence

Stars and Stripes skipper Dennis Conner yesterday endorsed his home town of San Diego as the site for the defence of the America's Cup which he regained from Australia last February.

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## Autumn battle is on the cards

By John Goodbody

The battle lines on membership cards at football clubs have been drawn and the sides are digging in for an autumn of trench warfare.

The Football League is not fulfilling the agreement it made with the Government on February 24 that membership schemes, with identity cards, must be used in designated areas of stadia, covering at least 50 per cent of the total capacity, in an attempt to reduce football hooliganism.

So far, only 41 of the 91 clubs have carried out what is a far less stringent requirement: 50 per cent of their accommodation for home supporters. Sometimes even these schemes have not had cards with photographs, and many clubs have also included season ticket holders in this percentage.

It is far from the proposal of the Prime Minister after the Heysel stadium disaster in May 1985 that anyone attending a football match had to have an identity card.

The League realised that this would virtually end professional football in England as it has been known for a century. The casual spectator, on whom clubs rely, would be eliminated.

## Memory is less sharply defined

The League waited for Mrs Thatcher's original determination to become diluted. The memory of Brussels became less sharply defined in her mind as time passed.

After months of discussion with the Government, the figure had been brought down to 70 per cent and finally 50 per cent, the present figure, which at least allows the stewards and police to concentrate on the areas where membership cards are not mandatory.

Since February a committee consisting of representatives of the League and police has discussed with clubs how to implement the agreement.

Some, like Arsenal, have found it impossible. Writing in last Saturday's programme, Ken Friar, the club's managing director, said: "Clearly we wish to co-operate in meeting these targets but for reasons related to the physical lay-out of our stadium we are unable to comply fully at present."

Last Saturday's game against Liverpool attracted 54,000 spectators, 3,000 fewer than capacity. If there had been membership-only schemes in 50 per cent of the ground (and the number of members did not total 27,000), there would have been too few in certain areas and too many in others. Some spectators would have been locked out of the ground, although there was space available in the specially designated areas.

## Overwhelmed at turnstiles

On Wednesday at Old Trafford, Manchester United, who have 30,000 people under controlled access, including 15,000 with identity cards; linked to a £25,000 computer, had chaos as supporters were refused entry to members-only areas and the turnstiles elsewhere were overwhelmed.

Although there were inevitably teething troubles, the basic problem was that the stadium capacities were not distributed evenly between members and non-members. With supporters becoming members at the rate of 300 a day, Manchester United will have to extend their members-only area. The proportional division of spectators will change but the problem will still be there.

To comply with the agreement, many big clubs will have to cut their attendances dramatically for big games. They are understandably unwilling to do this.

Those clubs, who have decided not to implement the 50 per cent membership schemes, have the problem that if there is trouble, the Football Association can close the stadium.

The Government will want written evidence from the local police for any exceptions, but ultimately it could bring in legislation if the clubs do not comply with the agreement.

The Football League cannot expect support from the Government for its clubs' attempt to return to European competitions if it does not carry out what its representatives agreed.

After all, as the Manchester United handbook points out: "We have to be seen by society to do whatever we can to keep the problem to manageable proportions."

## Lord's seeing Gavaskar's farewell

Sunil Gavaskar, the heaviest run-scorer in Test cricket history, last night announced that he is retiring from the first-class game (Alan Lee writes).

Gavaskar, the masterful Indian opener, is 80 not out overnight in the MCC bi-centenary match and stands on the brink of his first

century at Lord's, in what he now confirms will be his final first-class match.

"Hopefully, I will still play in the World Cup in October," he said. "But I have played my last Test match and I have no intention of carrying on in domestic cricket. It is like

somebody who has had a good meal and is offered more. I am not hungry for cricket any more."

Gavaskar has scored 10,122 runs, with 34 centuries, from 125 Test matches — and each of the three figures constitutes a record.

## Moorhouse beaten by Szabo

From Roy Moor, Strasbourg

Adrian Moorhouse's hopes of a gold medal double at the European swimming championships were shattered here yesterday when Josef Szabo, the Hungarian world champion, won the 200 metres breaststroke final in a European record of 2min 13.87sec.

Moorhouse, winner of the 100 metres title for this stroke earlier in the week, broke his own English national record, with 2min 15.78sec, but this was still only good enough for bronze over the longer course. Sergei Sokolovsky, of the Soviet Union, took the silver in 2min 14.97sec.

Britain's women, Suki Brownson and Jean Hill, were also in national record-breaking form in their 100 metres breaststroke races. Miss Brownson broke her six-year-old British record with 70.39sec, qualifying as the third fastest for the evening final. She was a shade slower later on, taking fifth place in 70.66sec. Miss Hill failed to make this major final but in the B race-off she recorded 71.26sec for a Scottish best mark.

Silke Horner, of East Germany, added the 100 metres breaststroke title to the 200 metres with another world record swim of 67.91sec.

Britain's Samantha Purvis clocked 72.49sec in coming seventh in the 100 metres butterfly final — her best performance — and Roland Lee became the first Briton to break 50 seconds in the men's 4 x 400 metres relay when, with an anchor leg of 49.87sec in the heats, he enabled Britain to qualify for the final.

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